

## NEWS

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## SPORTS

### Soccer team looks to post 10+ wins with experienced group



Grayling High School's 2011 girls soccer squad — a group with 11 varsity returners, including six seniors — is looking to build on its recent success and break the 10-win mark for the first time in the program's history.

Last year, the squad won nine games — a new school record for girls soccer. The Vikings won seven regular season contests, finished 6-7-1 in a strong Lake Michigan Conference, and won two playoff games.

This year's squad started its official practices on March 14. The team practiced outside for the first time on March 22, and then a snowstorm hit the area, burying the field again. **Pg. 12**

### Girls tennis team has solid depth, new coach



For the second consecutive season, Grayling High School will have a girls tennis team with solid player numbers as part of its spring sports line-up.

Girls tennis was played during the fall in Michigan prior to a multi-sport season realignment effort in 2007, a series of changes forced by a court ruling in a gender equity lawsuit against the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Girls tennis, one of the affected sports, moved from fall to spring. **Pg. 20**

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## Latvian president visits Camp Grayling



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**Latvian President Valdis Zatlers and a group of people toured Camp Grayling last week as he paid a two and a half day trip to Michigan. Above, Zatlers observes a Michigan Air National Guard A-10 air strike directed by an Air National Guard Tactical Air Control Party. Left, the A-10 jet is pictured flying above the range.**

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Camp Grayling rolled out the camouflage carpet last week for Latvian President Valdis Zatlers to celebrate a partnership that has lasted nearly two decades and will continue on with the global war on terrorism.

Zatlers and a group of people toured Camp Grayling last week as he paid a two and a half day trip to Michigan.

Since 1993, the Michigan National Guard and Latvia have joined forces as part of the National Guard State Partnership Program. The program was

established after Communism fell and Baltic nations gained independence from the Soviet Union.

Over the years, Latvian soldiers have trained at Camp Grayling and Michigan National Guard soldiers have traveled to Latvia for joint-training missions.

Last week, Zatlers toured Camp Grayling's Improvised Explosive Device (IED) defeat lane, which is used to train soldiers to identify, defeat or avoid IEDs — the biggest killer of soldiers in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also toured the

camp's simulation center, where soldiers can go through qualifying exercises on various weapons systems.

Zatlers also witnessed a simulator used to train soldier how to protect themselves and get out of a Humvee when there is a rollover accident. The Humvee, the main vehicle used by the U.S. military, is also used by Latvian soldiers.

"It was good for him to come and see some of these training facilities that his soldiers get to use," said Col. Ron Latuszek, the Camp Grayling commander.

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## Council approves pact

City OKs employment agreement with police chief/city manager

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council formalized an employee pact with Grayling Police Chief/City Manager Doug Baum, which gives him incentive to stay on duty.

The Grayling City Council, at its last regular monthly meeting on March 28, unanimously approved an employment agreement with Baum.

In February 2010, Baum was appointed to serve as acting city manager when former City Manager David Thayer was placed on leave. The city council terminated its contract with Thayer, who was then facing three alleged misdemeanor cases in Crawford County District Court, on May 24, 2010. In June 2010, Baum was appointed to serve as the city manager along with his duties overseeing the police department.

Under the pact, Baum will still be considered an at-will employee hired by the Grayling City Council and either party can terminate the agreement at any time, said Grayling Mayor Karl Schreiner.

Baum will continue serving as police chief and city manager while receiving a salary of \$66,720 per year. There was no pay hike given when the employee agreement was approved.

"He's performing a dual function," Schreiner said.

The employee agreement includes provisions that give Baum incentive to stick with the job.

During the first year of the agreement, Baum would be paid 30 days of pay plus accrued vacation time if no criminal charges are pending and the contract is terminated. In the second year, he would receive 60 days of pay plus vacation day. In the third through 10th year of the agreement, Baum would be paid 90 days of pay plus vacation time. During the 10th and following years, Baum would receive 180 days of pay plus vacation pay.

Schreiner said the graduate sequence is designed to protect both parties with the long-term goals of the city in mind.

"It protects the taxpayers and him and gives him the incentive to stick around,"

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## City decides to go with concrete skate park

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

When it came to making an 11th hour change for the City of Grayling's skate park — it wasn't a hard decision for officials to make.

Mike Shearer, a volunteer spearheading the development of the Grayling Skate Park, did some last minute research on skate park equipment, and learned that the city could get more bang for its buck by building the park with concrete obstacles.

In February, the city council agreed to allocate up to \$30,000 to buy new ramps and obstacles for the skate park located behind city hall.

Although the prefabricated wooden structures made out of wood were warranted up to 20 years, Shearer came across a company that will provide comparable obstacles made with concrete.

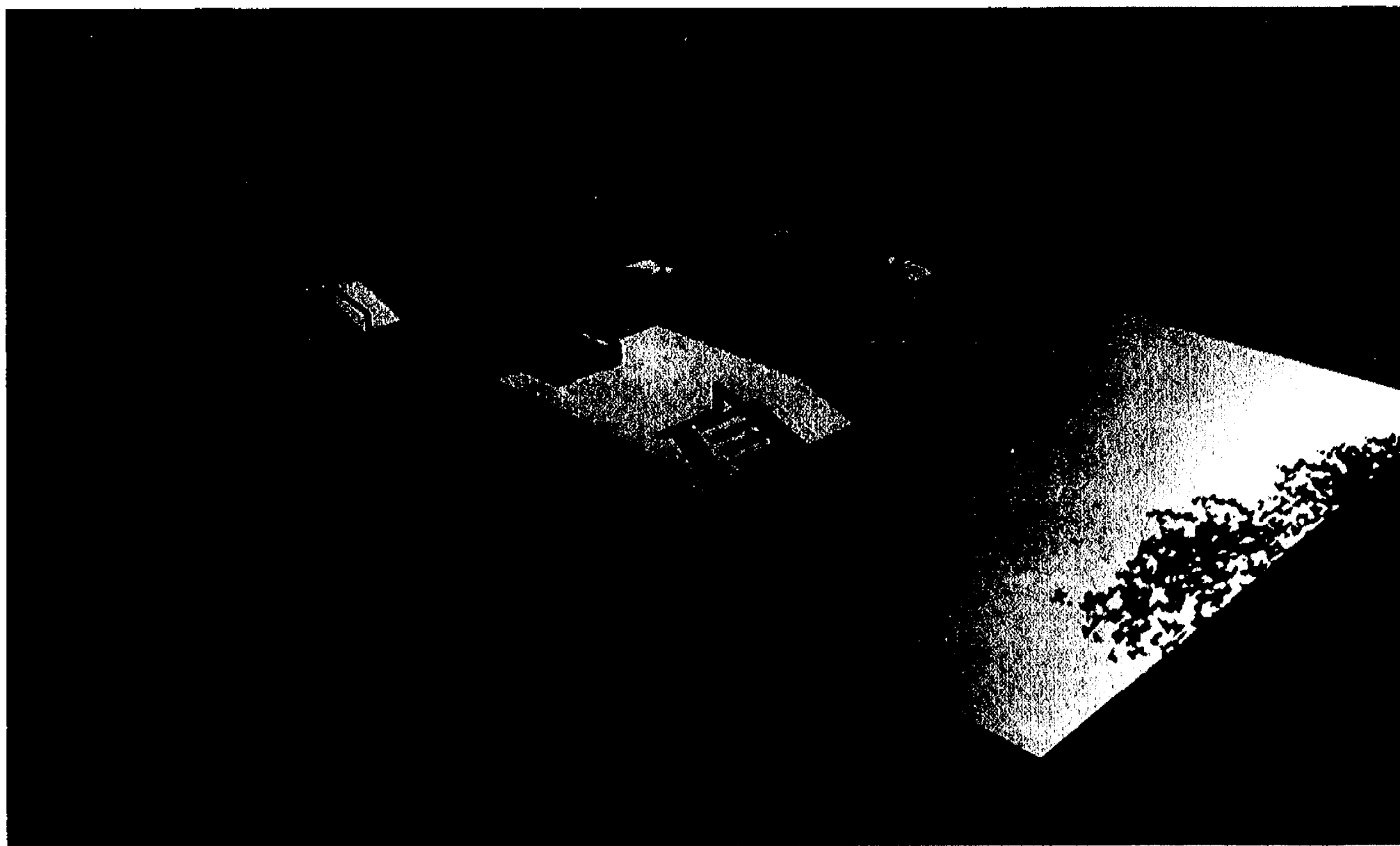
"Everybody I've talked to said that concrete is the way to go," Shearer said.

Shearer said that moving forward with a con-

crete skate park, the city would have greater chances of obtaining a grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation or from Rob Dyrdek, a famed skateboarder who has starred on MTV reality shows "Rob and Big" and "Rob Dyrdek's Fantasy Factory."

The only downside to the switch was that youth will not have a half-pipe to display their gravity defying tricks on their skateboards and BMX bicycles.

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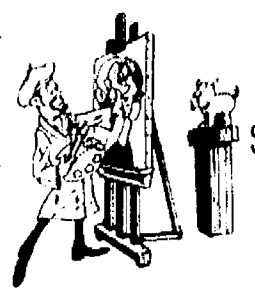
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At the sentencing hearing on Monday, James Hunt, Thayer's defense attorney, continued to characterize the case as a political issue with his client that should have never entered into the criminal realm. He also argued that Grayling attorney Dave Sabin, who served as special prosecutor for the case, said charges would not have been brought if he had used another

computer or personally handed the information to Wellman.

During his statement to the court, Thayer agreed with that assessment, saying a violation would not have been found if he used a computer made available to the public at the Grayling City Hall, a computer at the public library or from a personal computer.

Thayer said he thinks about the situation he is in 24 hours a day and it has affected his health and ability to sleep. He maintained that local law enforcement, local officials and citizens mounted an offensive to ouster him from his position because he carried out directives given by the city council to correct issues within the city police department.

Thayer said he accomplished a number of good things for the city. Finally, he said that he has applied for jobs every week, but doubts he will ever work again in his profession.

"It's just a very unfortunate situation all the way around," Thayer said.

No one from the City of Grayling or the Grayling City Council appeared at the sentencing hearing on Monday to give a statement on behalf of the city.

During the trial Sabin said the prosecution met all the elements to prove a campaign violation act occurred

because Thayer used a city computer, e-mail, city paid utilities and the offense was done at city hall. He added that Thayer simply violated an act the Michigan Legislature established to deter such an action to influence a ballot issue or elect candidates.

Sabin had a simple assessment of the case as it concluded and said little in the courtroom Monday.

"He was tried by a jury of his peers and he was found guilty," he said. "It is what it is."

Hunt was successful in having Thayer's fines dropped from \$1,070 to \$670 given the nature of the crime and the offense.

Allen gave Thayer 14 days to pay the fines or he would face serving 60 days in jail. He faced up to a year in jail and \$1,000 in fines.

Allen said she did not feel jail time was appropriate in the case.

Allen was assigned to proceed over the Crawford County District Court misdemeanor case because Chief Family Court/District Court Judge Monte J. Burmeister disqualified himself due to a conflict of interest. She advised Thayer that he had 21 days to appeal his case.

Thayer, who said he would have to borrow money to pay the fines, inquired about having a court appointed attorney assigned for his appeal.

Following the hearing, Thayer said he is still studying the details of his case, but would likely file an appeal. If so, Allen said she could not hear the case. 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy or a judge from a different circuit would have to consider the appeals case.

Thayer said he believes he was wrongfully charged for a state law meant to level the playing field between political parties and campaign finance committees.

Thayer said he has contacted other city managers and said it is not uncommon for them to be asked to review campaign literature for city council and board members.

Thayer said if he had known he would be convicted of a crime and terminated from his position, he said he would have politely declined to help Wellman.

"It was a personal friend helping out a friend to answer some questions," Thayer said.

The Grayling City Council placed Thayer on a paid administrative leave on Feb. 11, 2010. His contract was terminated with the city on May 24, 2010, and he was arrested for the campaign violation charge the next day. Other misdemeanor charges that Thayer faced were dismissed in October 2010. Thayer worked for the city for three and a half years.

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## Victims sought to finalize Project Graduation scam case

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Police and the Crawford County Prosecutor are seeking information from victims who may have been scammed by a man portraying himself as a representative for Project Graduation earlier this year.

Project Graduation is a night of fun-filled activities following commencement exercises to provide memories before Grayling High School graduates go their separate ways and to avoid the dangers of post graduation parties.

In late January, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office received a complaint from a citizen who said a man had been going around attempting to collect money, claiming he was a representative from Project Graduation.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy John Klepadlo obtained a warrant and arrested Thomas Failing, 25, of Grayling, based on the

identification of witnesses.

Klepadlo contacted Yvonne Schreiber, chairwoman of the Project Graduation committee, and she confirmed that no one was raising money on behalf of Project Graduation by personally going to homes and businesses.

Klepadlo said Failing confessed to portraying himself as a representative for Project Graduation. Klepadlo said Failing is accused of going to local businesses and homes in the Sherwood Forest subdivision, soliciting donations.

"The exact dollar figure is unknown and the exact amount of victims is unknown," Klepadlo said.

Failing was arraigned in Crawford County District Court on March 9 for common law fraud. He faced up to 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Klepadlo said Failing is unclear about which homes and businesses he approached.

On March 22, the prosecutor's office reached a plea deal agreement with Failing. He pled guilty to a charge of false pretenses less than \$200. He has agreed to pay restitution and write apology letters to all known victims.

Failing is scheduled to be sentenced on Tuesday, April 26 and faces 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Klepadlo hopes to identify other victims before the sentencing hearing.

"During the court proceedings, we hope that we can get all the restitution repaid and determine how many victims there still may be out there," Klepadlo said.

Klepadlo said Failing acknowledged he conducted the scam because he had no money.

"He just got to the point to where he needed money and he just went out and started collecting money portraying himself as a representative for Project Graduation," Klepadlo said.

Klepadlo said authorities hope to clear the air about Project Graduation, which has seen a drop in donations due to the economy, so that misinformation does not cause a devastating impact on this year's events for graduates.

"With the times right now, with someone taking money from an organization that needs it - they just want to get their name cleared," he said. "They want to let people know Project Graduation is collecting money, but they do not go door-to-door. They go to the businesses and send letters out."

Victims can contact Klepadlo at 348-4616 ext. 328 or the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office at 344-3246. An anonymous tip can also be posted at www.crawfordsheriff.org.

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# City decides to go with concrete skate park

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"If we can get that grant, we can get a half-pipe made out of concrete and that will be so good," Shearer said.

The City of Grayling's Parks and Recreation gave the green light to change companies, which will supply and build the skate park. Who Skates, a company based in Kennebunkport, has been building indoor and outdoor skate parks since 1987.

"With a dedication to quality that starts with meticulous site preparation and doesn't let up until the concrete is smooth as glass, Who Skates is there every step of the way to make the park your skaters have been dreaming of a reality," said Tom Noble, the president of Who Skates.

Grayling City Manager

Doug Baum said the city council had earmarked up to \$30,000 for the skate park, and decided to follow the parks and recreation committee's recommendation to change vendors.

"It was the parks and recreation committee's recommendation that this was the most appropriate way to go - that being concrete instead of wood for the longevity of the skate park equipment," Baum said.

Funds to purchase the equipment will come from the city's income tax. The funds are earmarked to pay for capital improvement projects or capital equipment purchases such as vehicles for the police department, department of public works and park equipment. Grayling is the only city in the state that has its income tax earmarked for capital projects

and equipment. The funds cannot go into the general fund for wages or day-to-day operations.

Shearer said he would have ultimately liked to have had full support from the Grayling City Council by taking the change in plans to them for a vote at their last meeting, but was facing a short deadline to get skate park construction underway.

"If we were blessed with time, yeah we could have waited and talked to the full city council, but we wanted to get this going," Shearer said.

A two-man crew from Who Skates will be in Grayling on Monday, April 11, to start work on the skate park. Local skaters and cyclists are expected to help design and work on the park.

"These guys are skaters

so they know what the kids want," Shearer said.

Shearer said he would be soliciting donations for hotel and motel rooms, meals and materials to help defray the cost of the project.

"It's kind of an off-season and we will certainly recognize them for helping with this project," he said. "If we can save a \$1,000, maybe we can add an extra foot on to our quarter pipe."

Shearer added that he hopes the citizens who have been hesitant to donate to the project in the past will come forward since the park will now have more permanency.

"Two years from now, we won't have to replace everything," Shearer said. "Now is the time to step forward while they are here building."

# Latvian president visits Camp Grayling for tour

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Latvian soldiers have volunteered to join Michigan National Guard troops for missions in Afghanistan.

"They've worked hard," Latuszek said. "They've lost a couple of their soldiers, but working hand-in-hand and doing the training, the missions we have conducted have been pretty successful."

Part of the Camp Grayling tour last week included flying on a Chinook helicopter up to the Air to Ground Range near Waters. While there, Zalters saw how ground soldiers can use technology to call in air strikes to nearby targets.

"The Latvians have to have good English skills to do this and they have actually called in air strikes on those missions in

Afghanistan because we've trained them," Latuszek said.

Zalters visited Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Vadnais, the adjutant general and the director of Military and Veterans Affairs for Michigan. He also presented an award to recently retired Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler, who served as adjutant general and director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs during one of Michigan's most active mobilization periods in history, to celebrate the partnership.

Latuszek said it was an honor to host a national leader at Camp Grayling.

"To have the Latvians here is kind of routine, but to have their president realize the importance of this partnership that Michigan

has with Latvia and to take the time out to come here is pretty special," he said. "He's awful proud of the missions his soldiers have done with ours in Afghanistan and he definitely wants to continue this partnership."

Latuszek has helped foster the partnership between the Michigan National Guard and Latvia first hand. From March 2006 to March 2008, Latuszek served as bi-lateral affairs officer between the countries, coordinating training for Latvian troops who came to Michigan and Michigan forces that traveled to Latvia.

"They're just a great bunch of people over there and I've made a lot of friends that I'm still in contact with," he said. "It's not only a partnership but it's making a friend as well."

Missions have included infantry training, engineers working on projects and some medical training events.

"Working side-by-side with the Latvian soldiers, we learn a lot of things from the way they've been training over the years just by sharing and continuing on with the partnership," Latuszek said.

# Council approves agreement with police chief/city manager

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Schreiner said. By not filling the city manager's position and returning Baum to head just the police department, Schreiner said the city would continue to save money.

"With this coming budget year, we don't know what's going to happen," Schreiner said of state revenue sharing and decreasing tax values.

For the last several months, the city council has taken part in vision sessions, developing initiatives and plans the council would like to see in the community short and long-term.

Schreiner said the city is working with the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership and Grayling Uptown District Association and he has never seen as many groups working toward the same direction. He said the city is exploring different grant opportunities to draw in business, build new housing and help homeowners upgrade their housing.

"We're working to do whatever it takes to make this town productive like we know it can be," Schreiner said.

Baum was hired by Thayer to serve as the Grayling Police Chief on Jan. 5, 2009, replacing Schreiner who resigned in September 2008 after serving 31 years with the department.

Baum served as the Sheriff of the Montmorency Sheriff's Department for three and a half years. Prior to that, Baum worked as a detective/sergeant and deputy for the Montmorency Sheriff's Department.

Baum said that the city

council approached him with the employee agreement, which they have been negotiating the last couple of months. He said the agreement was just a matter of taking care of day-to-day business for the community.

"It was just one of those things that had to get done," Baum said.

Baum said he has no plans to leave his position serving two vital roles for Grayling anytime soon.

"I'm happy where I'm at," he said.

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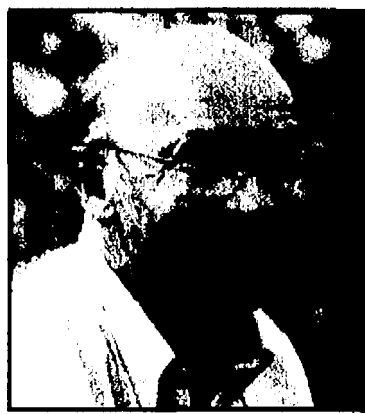
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## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Shrinking Detroit caught in numbers plight

DETROIT MAYOR David Bing is frantically searching for 36,222 people to save Detroit a whole lot of money during the next 10 years.

It's all a matter of the ten year census conducted last year.

The 2010 federal census found only 713,777 residents of Detroit in its official count, but a population of 750,000 is the magic size needed for cities to qualify for many federal and state financial aid programs, which mean about \$1,000 in revenue per year for each person in the official census count.

Detroit is 36,222 short of meeting that goal, and at \$1,000 per head, basic arithmetic proves that's a lot of money for a city already facing large financial problems.

Finding that many uncounted Detroiters in a census challenge is not impossible, but it's highly unlikely according to the history of challenges in the past.

Detroit still is Michigan's largest city, but a far cry from the days in the not-so-long-ago past when it counted more than a mil-

lion residents, and was neck and neck with Los Angeles in the race to be America's fourth largest city.

WHERE DID all the Detroiters go? Those who didn't leave Michigan entirely probably moved to the Detroit suburbs, where many areas in Oakland and Macomb counties showed sharp population gains.

Michigan state aid for cities at the 750,000 population level has been an arbitrary decision. In past years, when the state legislature wanted to earmark aid for Detroit alone, or at a different level than other Michigan cities, several laws stratified city size to treat cities of 750,000 or more differently than cities with less population.

If state lawmakers want to continue this pattern, state laws could be changed accordingly, and a floor of 500,000 or some other arbitrary figure could be established for city-size and it still would single out Detroit.

Rearranging federal programs to accommodate Detroit might be more difficult to solve.

MICHIGAN IS the only state to lose population in the 2010 census, meaning among other things that our representation in Congress and the electoral college – which actually selects the president every four years – will be diminished.

Michigan's congressional delegation will shrink from 15 to 14 members. Our top number of congressional seats followed the 1960 census when a growing Michigan was entitled to 19 house members, and also meant five more votes in the presidential electoral college, too.

As an historical note, reapportionment to accommodate the new 19th congressional seat could not be established before the 1962 election, and Neil Staebler of Ann Arbor, long time Michigan Democratic party state chair, won election to Congress in a statewide race while the other 18 established districts continued along previous lines.

Reapportionment has yet to be set for the 2012 election. Winning approval for a plan that will satisfy

political realities and still meet legal requirements can be a daunting task in drawing new district lines.

It's highly unlikely a stalemate will result this year as it did 50 years ago, but if that should happen, and no new districts are established for the 2012 election cycle, then all 14 congressional seats might be subject to statewide election.

Now that would be some campaign.

U-M GRADUATION – Main speaker at University of Michigan commencement ceremonies later in April will be Gov. Rick Snyder.

His selection was not without controversy, and his appearance may well attract some public unhappiness, too.

UM President Mary Sue Coleman said the invitation "continues a University of Michigan tradition of having a new governor" as commencement speaker.

Mr. Snyder will receive yet another U-M degree, an honorary one, to go with three earned

degrees he already holds from the university in business, accounting and law.

Not all students are happy, of course, in light of Gov. Snyder's budget call to cut university funding by 20 percent, and a petition with from students with 4,313 signatures "from U-M-related people" was presented to university regents, but to no avail.

Let's hope cool heads among anti-Snyder critics prevail on graduation day.

Rick Snyder is governor, and the office deserves citizen respect even if some students and other dissenters don't agree with who occupies the chair at the time.

After all, Rick Snyder is "a Michigan man" – and three times over, too – which should count for something.

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## Letters to the Editor

### A tribute to a man who will be missed

To the editor:

I am writing this letter on behalf of many to pay tribute to a man who dedicated most of the last 25 years to the young people of our community. Bud Morgan who passed last Wednesday saddened the heart of many by his leaving.

He was a man who made such a commitment to the children of our community no matter who they were. He worked with the Grayling Little League as a board member and a coach in the 80's and early 90's.

In the early 90's he was one of the original founding members of the AuSable Football League better known as the Redskins Football and Cheerleading program.

He would always think of the kids in whatever endeavor he took on and how it would effect them.

Bud's favorite month was August, when the Redskins pro-

gram would start up each year.

He would follow every participant through their high school careers and would be as proud of them as if they were his own children.

He also was the commissioner for many years of the SAM Football League, for which the Redskin program plays.

Bud was also the president of the Eagles for many years and a board member for a lot more.

I, and many others owe him a debt of gratitude for all the wisdom he lent us while serving together as board members in the many organizations. He always put others first and was truly a man of great character.

His other passion was for announcing sporting events with the marvelous voice he possessed.

It will be tough going to Redskins game in the years to

come and not hear his voice in the press box.

They say a man is judged by his time on earth by how many hearts are sorrowed when he leaves to the with the Lord. By that standard Bud Morgan was an outstanding individual and even a greater member of our community.

It is truly amazing how many contributions Bud and his beloved wife, Judy made, having never had a child participate in any of the programs they were instrumentally involved in. They considered every young Redskin as one of their own.

I believe I can speak for current and past associates on the many boards and organizations he was involved in and the community, in saying Bud, you will always be remembered and you will always be a part of us. God Bless.

John Schneider  
Former Redskin President

### YAC funding seems lopsided

To the editor:

In reference to the March 31, 2011, Avalanche article concerning the Youth Advisory Council (YAC), there seems to be an enor-

mous differentiation in the awarding of the grant monies, with Crawford County's allocation totaling \$1,070.00 while \$10, 875 went to Ogemaw and Oscoda.

The article says the YAC "is to improve the lives of children in the community," which begs the obvious questions who, what, where, when and why is this philan-

thropic act (gift grant) so seemingly lopsided in its funding?

Don Welser  
Grayling

### A suggestion for MDOT

To the editor:

I'd like to suggest that MDOT do something about the left turn situation at the I-75 by-pass and Michigan Avenue.

On weekends and/or about 5 p.m. in the afternoon it is almost impossible to make a left turn going south without doing it against a red

light.

All we need is a left turn green arrow (which should have been installed when they were doing the rest of the work

on the by-pass). It's bad now – it will be terrible this summer.

Betty Bennett  
Grayling

### Clarification

Due to Letters to the Editor regarding the incident with Mr. Gardiner and the two dogs Shelby and Riley the Crawford County Avalanche would like to clarify information. According to court records and what has

been previously reported in Avalanche, on July 18, 2008 Gardiner was riding his mountain bike south from Pollack Bridge Road, left the roadway at the intersection of Tomahawk Trail and Little John Avenue and

turned to travel on a dirt trail, which runs parallel to the railroad tracks. Gardiner said he was not trespassing on private property.

Gardiner said the two dogs aggressively approached him barking.

He sprayed a water bottle at the dogs, put his bike in front of him as a shield and eventually fended them off with a stick before their owner called them home.

## Viewpoint

Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator, Mercy Hospice

### National Volunteer Week is April 10-16

National Volunteer Week is coming up on April 10-16.

I have worked with volunteers for almost 30 years here in our region and I can tell you they are the most dedicated bunch of people out there. During my years with RSVP, Commission on Aging and Mercy Hospice I have met the most caring people on earth. Their commitment to their communities and fellow man is in some cases beyond my understanding.

When you ask them why they volunteer you get many answers. "Oh, I just like to keep busy." "Maybe I will need some help some day." "Someone helped me or my family when I needed it so I have to give back." "I like to be useful." "Someone has to do it." "I get so much more than what I give."

I will be retiring in May and as I think of all the volunteers I have met through the years I just want to acknowledge them for their caring, kindness, support, willingness to drop what you are doing when I call and all the fun stories and adventures you have shared.

The agencies and organizations you help would not be able to provide the services they do without your help.

I will miss you all but now I will be able to become a volunteer.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

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## Seperation of Powers

A misunderstanding and misapplication of such Scriptures as Romans 13:1-7 has resulted in an abuse of power which has resulted in the torture and death of millions of people down through the centuries. The greatest human suffering has resulted in the failure to separate the authority and power God gave to three social institutions which He established, the home, the government, and the church.

For the first three centuries after the first advent or coming of Jesus Christ to earth, there was a natural division between church and state because the Roman Empire was hostile to Christianity. Christians were even fed to lions in the Roman Coliseum. At the beginning of the 4th century everything changed. Constantine became the first Roman emperor to profess Christianity. One evening during a military conflict with Maxentius he reportedly saw a vision of a radiant cross in the heavens with the inscription, "By this thou shalt conquer." History tells the rest of the story. As a "minister of God" Constantine brought the entire Roman Empire into the church. Constantine united church and state into one entity.

With the demise of the Roman Empire the church at Rome assumed the power previously exercised by the state. The church had become aristocratic with the ruling elite making up the leadership. There were kings, emperors, princes, dukes along with the bishops, elders or rulers in the church. The sword was now under control of the church to punish heretics and reward the faithful.

The 4th Lateran Council of 1215 stated: "Let the secular powers. Whatever offices they may hold, be induced and admonished, and, if need be, compelled by ecclesiastical censure that, as they desire to be accounted faithful, they should, for the defense of the

Faith, publicly set forth an oath that to the utmost of their power they will strive to exterminate from the lands under their jurisdiction all heretics who shall be denounced by the Church...."

The Diet of Speyer in 1529 illustrates this action: "All Anabaptists and rebaptized persons, male or female, of mature age, shall be judged and brought from natural life to death, by fire, or sword or otherwise, as may befit the persons." Anabaptist was a term of contempt meaning "rebaptizers."

"We have always existed from the very days of Christ, and our principles, sometimes veiled and forgotten, like a river which may travel under ground for a little season, have always had honest and holy adherents. Persecuted alike by Romanists and Protestants of almost every sect, yet there has never existed a Government holding Baptist principles which persecuted others; nor, I believe, any body of Baptists ever held it to be right to put the consciences of others under the control of man. We have ever been ready to suffer, as our martyrologies will prove, but we are not ready to accept any help from the State, to prostitute the purity of the Bride of Christ (the Church) to any alliance with Government, and we will never make the Church, although the Queen, the despot over the conscience of men." The above quote is from a Baptist pastor, Charles Hadden Spurgeon preached in 1861 at the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, England. Spurgeon became internationally known as "the prince of preachers." Soul Liberty is Precious! Pastor "B"

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## Obituaries

**Merle L. Morgan**  
Merle Leroy "Bud" Morgan, 77, of Grayling, passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2011.

He was born in Midland, on July 8, 1933, the son of the late Leroy and Mildred (Barker) Morgan.

He married Judy Kay Matatall on April 17, 1971 in Troy.

He served in the US Army. He was a Country-Western Singer.

He served as Past Worthy President Eagle Aerie #3465 of Grayling and Aerie #4496 of Kalkaska.

He was the co-founder of Sam's League Football which includes Grayling Redskins.

He is survived by daughter, Linda Rehfuß of Grayling; grandchildren, Lonica McClure and Lindsay Gilmore; great-grandchildren: Jenna, Logan, Akira, Kayla and Kiersten.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy; and his brother, William "Bill" Morgan.

A funeral service was held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 1 p.m. with Brandon Rogers officiating.

Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Gaylord.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com).

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Grayling Redskins Football, P.O. Box 1089, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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We miss you more every day for times we might have shared

Love Always,  
Dad & Mom  
(Bill & Dee Decker)  
Cyndi, Douglas, Andrea  
Yanniello, Brittany  
Yanniello-Nelson and family

**Margaret Hartung**  
Margaret Elizabeth "Sue" Hartung, beloved wife and mother, died Thursday, March 31, 2011, at Tendercare in Gaylord. She was 79.

She was born in Farmington, on May 4, 1931, and had been living in the Lewiston area for the past 26 years.

She enjoyed quilting and counted cross-stitch. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lewiston.

On February 23, 1950, she married Robert "Bob" Hartung, who survives.

She is survived by children: Robert Eugene (Rose), Denise Carol (John) Florida, Jodi Rae Ball; grandchildren: Christopher Walker, Jeremy Walker, Ronald Peterson, and Brandy (Thomas) Rozema; great-grandchildren: Skye Rozema, Cameron, Camara and Daxtyn Peterson; brother and sisters: Mildred Davenport, Richard Avis, George Avis and Faith Fryman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Margaret (Smith) Avis; and her son-in-law, Marty Bell.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial service at Albert Township Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Those wishing, may offer their condolences online at [www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com).

### Billy J. Kinkerter

Billy J. Kinkerter, 88, of Alma, and formerly of Grayling, passed away on Monday, April 4, 2011.

Billy's wife Beverly preceded him in death in 2007.

Services will be held at The Pathways Masonic Home of Alma on Sunday April 10, 2011 at 1 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Anthony Kopka, III

Anthony E. "Tony" Kopka, III, 53, of Roscommon, died February 14, 2011.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 9 at St. Michael Church in Pinconning, from 10 a.m. until a Memorial Mass at 11 a.m.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.



**Norman F. Parker**

Norman F. Parker, 86, of Grayling, passed away on Tuesday March 29, 2011.

He was born in Grayling, on January 26, 1925, the son of the late Arthur and Laura Parker.

He served in the US Army.

He married the former Shirley McNeil in November, 1946 in Houghton Lake.

He is survived by his wife Shirley, of 63 years; daughters, Linda (Gary) Blood of Dimondale, Marilyn Gilroy of Mason; son, Jimmy (Jacalyn) Parker of Grayling; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Phyllis Nash of Gaylord; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John A. (Patty) McNeil of Mason.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Lois Barnes, Elda Schultz and Norma Gordin; brothers, Dale and Clifford Parker.

A funeral service was held on Friday April 1, 2011 at 12 noon, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling, with Rev. Scott Hoffer officiating.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com).

### William L. O'Brien

William Lyle O'Brien, 73, of Essexville, died April 2, 2011.

He was born in Bay City on August 7, 1937 to the late Ralph Ray and Geraldine O'Brien.

He was the retired owner of Wilcon.

He is survived by four children: Steven Wm. (April) O'Brien, Scott Wm. (Sandi) O'Brien, Christopher Wm. (Heather) O'Brien and Jennifer Christina (Mike) Isenhardt; 15 grandchildren; brother, Gordon O'Brien; four sisters: Jane (Jim) Russell, Patricia Pierson, Mary Lou Habermehl and Bonnie (Chuck) Graves, his former wife, Kay O'Brien; several nieces, nephews, and cousins and faithful golden retriever companion, Sadie.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Doreen O'Brien; and two brother-in-laws, Dale Habermehl and Hayden Pierson.

A funeral and committal service will be Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Penzien-Steele Funeral Home, 608 N. Madison Ave. (M-25), Bay City, 48708.

The Rev. Eric A. Stone will officiate.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Visiting hours will be Thursday from 9 a.m. until service time.

## Hometown News

Fay Bovee spent two weeks in Dublin, Ohio, visiting her daughter, Dena Bovee, husband, Bruce Goll and granddaughter, Doria Goll. Fay went in order to attend the dance program in which Doria participated in from the Dublin School of Dance and Gymnastics.

She also saw Dublin's parade for St. Patrick's Day, which was held on the Saturday before the holiday. Their annual parade is classed as the sixth best in the nation, behind Chicago and some other larger cities.

## Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 8 - Lunch - breaded cod, boiled red skins, broccoli and a banana. No dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Frederic Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and Pool.

Monday, April 11 - Lunch - Polish sausage, sauerkraut, corn and an orange. Dinner - baked chicken, oven roasted potatoes, stewed tomatoes and plums. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 Clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, April 12 - Lunch - Swedish meatballs with rice, Brussels sprouts and peaches. Dinner - beef stew, green beans and an orange. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, April 13 - Lunch - beef tips and noodles, peas, cauliflower and pears. Birthday Dinner - spaghetti with meat sauce, wax beans, asparagus, grapes and cake and ice cream. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league and Wii Bowling. 5 p.m. Birthday Dinner.

Thursday, April 14 - Lunch - pork riblet sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, watermelon and lemon bars. Dinner - burrito, Mexican fiesta rice, lettuce, tomato, corn and peaches. 10 a.m. craft class and Pokeno, 1 p.m. UNO Attack, 3 p.m. Hilltop Manor Cardo.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## District Health Dept. #10

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for April.

Immunization clinics: April 6, 20 and 25 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: April 5, 12 and 19. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children. April 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 21, 25, 27 and 28. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions. For information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for April 12 and 19 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

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Morning Worship: 10:30am  
Evening Worship: 6pm  
Wednesday: 7pm  
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## Piper, Contreras engaged



Talia Piper and Joseph Contreras, Jr.

Jim and Bonnie Piper, of Grayling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Talia Piper to Joseph Contreras, Jr., son of Joseph Contreras and April Gugin, of Grayling.

Talia is a 2009 graduate of Grayling High School and is currently employed at Camp Grayling in Range Control and attends

Kirtland Community College.

Joseph is a 2010 graduate of Grayling High School and is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force.

The couple will be stationed in Germany for the next three years.

A June 18, wedding is planned.

## Wylie, Riehle engaged



Sara Wylie and Justin Riehle

Brian and Denise Riehle of Grayling, announce the engagement of their son, Justin Michael Riehle to Sara Elizabeth Wylie, daughter of Wendy Wylie and Joe Wylie of Taylor.

Justin is a 2007 graduate of Grayling High School and is currently employed at Meijers in Big Rapids.

Sara is a 2007 graduate of Harry S. Truman High School in Taylor, and is currently a student at Ferris State University, working on her Masters degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

A July 23, 2011 wedding is planned in Taylor.

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## Births

Brooke (Ginther) Larm and Brad Larm, of Dusseldorf, Germany, announce the birth of their son, Griffin Henry Larm, born in Dusseldorf, Germany, on March 25, 2011, at 3:04 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

His grandparents are Jeff and Candice Taylor of Grayling, Mark and Julie Ginther of Grayling, and Darrell Larm of Johannesburg.

Jennifer and Ian Mata, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Lupe, born at Mercy Hospital on March 23, 2011, at 3:45 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 4.5 ozs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Sara King and Larry Farley, of Grayling, announce the birth of a

daughter, Jessica May, born at Mercy Hospital on March 26, 2011, at 4:15 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Bethany (Bobenmoyer) Kermode and Robert Kermode, of Akaroa, New Zealand, announce the birth of their son, Lucas John, born at Christchurch Women's Hospital, Christchurch, New Zealand on March 4, 2011, at 11:19 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Kayla Avalos-Cousins and William Cousins, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Antonio Clayton, born at Mercy Hospital on March 27, 2011, at 10:03 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 2 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

## Library News

An interactive program for preschool children and their caregivers is held at the Devereaux Memorial Library every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. Story Hour with Miss Connie includes stories, crafts and a snack. Call 989-348-9214 for more details.

Sit n' Knit will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, April

7, at 10 a.m. Share quality time with other needle heads and hear a few good yarns at the library. All skill levels welcome to attend.

Sit n' Knit at Night is meeting at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 12, at 5 p.m. For additional information call Jane at 989-348-9214.

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## Air terminal tree removal slated

The Crawford County Air Terminal, in conjunction with the Michigan Army National Guard, will be initiating actions to improve the safety and operations at the local terminal located at the Grayling Army Airfield.

The main project will be the removal of trees at the end of Runway 23, near the entrance to the new Air Terminal located on Blue Sky Drive and M-93. This action is required by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations to create a clear and unobstructed Safety Zone for approach and takeoff activities. A small section of trees will also need to be removed along the Wayne Koppa

Bike Trail near the terminal entrance to comply with FAA requirements for the safety zone within that area.

Further improvements for the airfield include removal of trees inside the fenced-in areas of the Grayling Army Airfield which could impact civil air activity and training. The removal of these trees will help to control wildlife that can pose a danger to aircraft operations. The clearing and maintenance of taxiways and runways is also scheduled for the beginning of this year, along with the removal of obsolete structures, which could create barriers to training activities and proposed future construction projects.

## Military News

Aron Reed of Traverse City, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Grayling, Michigan Army National Guard, was promoted on Jan. 8, 2011 to the rank of Sergeant.

Reed, a tracked wheel vehicle mechanic, has been a member of the National Guard for 7 years. He attended basic training in 2004, at Fort Knox, Ky. Reed also graduated from Traverse City High School in 2004.

Reed is also a graduate from Ferris State University with a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and an Associate degree in Law Enforcement in 2010.

Reed is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2006. In civilian life, Reed works for Camp Grayling in Grayling.

## Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for April 14-20 will be as follows:

Small arms ranges, located north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, south of Portage Creek and west of Lake Margrethe, April 16-20.

The 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), April 14-15 and 19-20.

The 40 complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), April 15-16.

The 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail,

April 14-15 and 17-20.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on April 16-22: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Wakeley Bridge Road; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road; Stephen Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road; Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

## Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 81 complaints the week of March 28 - April 3.

One missing persons, 14 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minors, two false alarm activations, two assault and battery/simple assaults, one burglary/home invasion, one burglary-forced entry-residence, two larcenies, one larceny-pocket-picking, three fraudulent activities, one damage to property, one drug/narcotic violations, one synthetic narcot-

ic-possession, 12 public peace/disorderly reports, one harassing communications, one OUIL/UBAL, three health and safeties, three miscellaneous arrests, 14 traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, two family troubles/domestic, 10 suspicious situations, and three driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

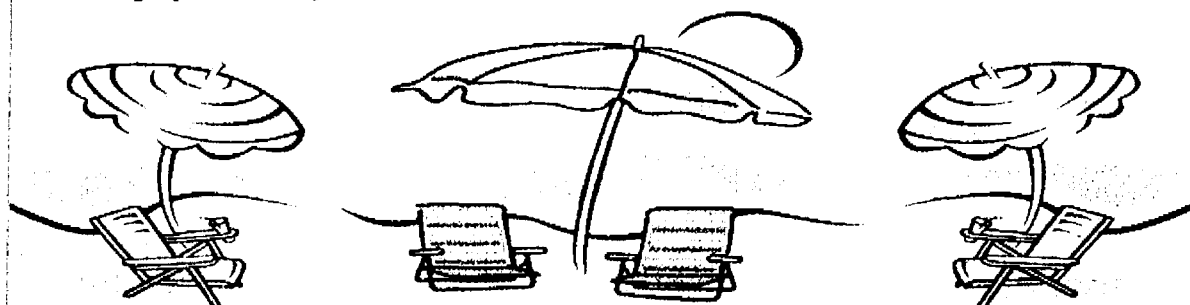
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## Spring sports season openers scheduled for next week

Baseball, softball, soccer  
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Weather permitting, several Grayling High School spring sports teams – baseball, softball, girls soccer – will play their season openers next week.

All three programs had their original openers – games slated for March 28 and 30, prior to spring break – canceled due to cold weather and snow.

Grayling High School's spring break runs from Friday, April 1, through Monday, April 11. Both baseball teams and both softball squads have games vs. Roscommon slated for April 12, the first day back from break.

The varsity baseball and softball teams will play dou-

bleheaders at Roscommon on April 12 at 4 p.m. The JV teams will host the Bucks at 4:30 p.m. The four teams also have doubleheaders slated for Friday of next week. The varsity squads play at Harbor Springs at 4:30 p.m. and the junior varsity squads will host the Rams at 4:30 p.m.

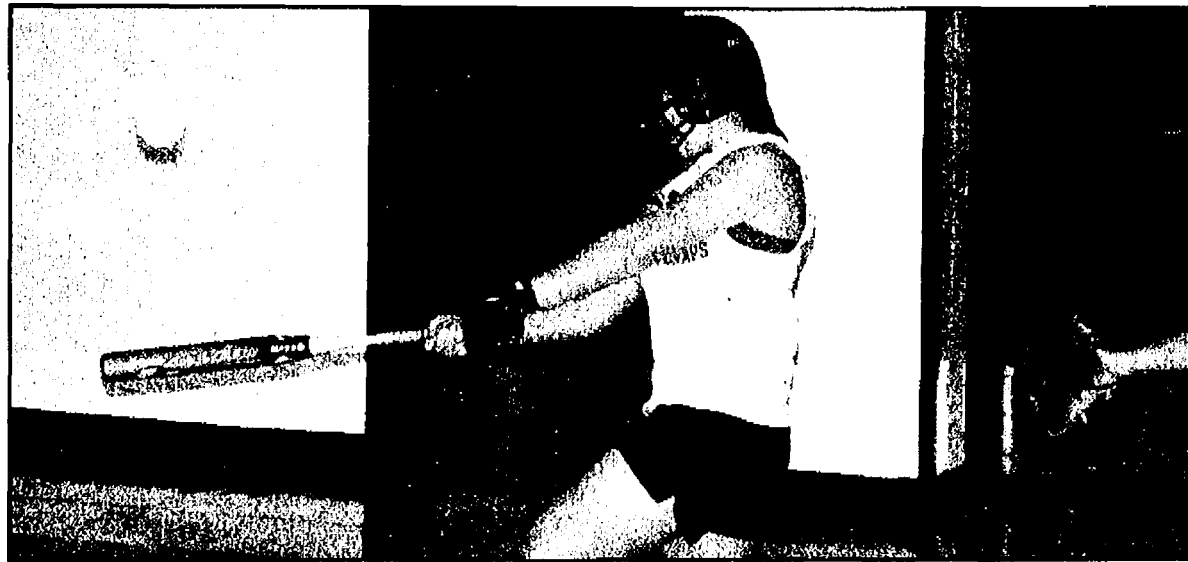
The GHS varsity girls soccer team also has two games scheduled for next week, including its season opener at Boyne City – a league foe – at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12. On Thursday, April 14, the Vikings will host Charlevoix at 5 p.m.

Grayling High School's track (boys and girls), girls



Jeff Enos fields a ground ball during a varsity baseball practice drill prior to spring break.

tennis, and boys golf teams are scheduled to compete in their first meets during the week of April 18-22.



Meagan Malm hits a pitch during a recent varsity softball practice.

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# CAR CARE

## April is National Car Care Month

Basic maintenance helps avoid costly repairs down the road

(Car Care Council) - National Car Care Month in April is the time of year to give your car some extra attention. Basic maintenance can go a long way toward improving the safety and dependability of your vehicle, plus it helps avoid costly repairs down the road.

"Neglected vehicle care almost always means much higher costs down the line in the form of more extensive repairs or lost resale value," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Chances are if you own a car, it needs some work. National Car Care Month in April is the perfect time to focus on your vehicle's maintenance needs."

Results of community car care events held throughout the country in 2010 show that most consumers are neglecting their cars, with seven out of 10 vehicles failing at least one component of the vehicle inspection process. (For a complete list of results, visit [www.carcare.org/NCCM](http://www.carcare.org/NCCM).)

"These results show that the majority of vehicle owners could save money by being more proactive

when it comes to their vehicle," White said. "Whether you do it yourself or take your car to a professional service technician, make sure your car is ready for the spring and summer travel season."

The Car Care Council recommends 10 basic maintenance procedures to keep your car operating at its best:

- Check the oil, filters and fluids. Oil should be checked at every fill-up and changed per the owner's manual recommended intervals. Brake, transmission, power steering, coolant and windshield washer fluids should also be checked regularly. Your car's filters, including those for the transmission, fuel system and interior ventilation, need regular inspection and replacement.

- Inspect hoses at each oil change and have them replaced when leaking, brittle, cracked, rusted, swollen or restricted. Check V-belts and serpentine belts for looseness and condition, and have them replaced when cracked, frayed, glazed or showing signs of excessive wear. Typically replace the timing belt between 60,000 and 90,000 miles or the interval specified in the owner's manual to avoid a breakdown or serious engine damage.

- Check the engine brake system every year and have the brake linings, rotors and drums inspected at each oil change.
- Check that the battery connection is clean, tight and corrosion-free. The battery should be securely mounted. If it is three years old or more, the battery should be tested and replaced if necessary.

- Inspect the exhaust system for leaks, damage and broken supports or hangers if there is an unusual noise. Exhaust leaks can be dangerous and must be corrected without delay.
- Schedule a tune-up that will help the engine deliver the best balance of power and fuel economy and produce the lowest level of emissions.

- Check the car's heating, ventilating and air

conditioning (HVAC) system as proper heating and cooling performance is critical for interior comfort and for safety reasons, such as defrosting.

- Inspect the steering and suspension system annually, including shock absorbers and struts, and chassis parts, such as ball joints, tie rod ends and other related components.

- Check the pressure of all tires, including the spare, at least once a month. Check the tread for uneven or irregular wear and cuts and bruises along the sidewalls. Have your car's alignment checked at least annually to reduce tire wear and improve fuel economy and handling.

- Test exterior and interior lights and have bulbs that are not working checked immediately. Replace windshield wiper blades every six months or when cracked, cut, torn, streaking or chattering for optimum wiping performance and safety.

## Checking brakes can save money, lives

(Car Care Council) - When it comes to vehicle safety, the brakes top the list of systems that need to be routinely inspected and repaired immediately should motorists suspect any problems. According to the Car Care Council, a properly operating brake system helps ensure safe vehicle operation and control under a variety of conditions. However, many people are unaware of the signs and symptoms that their brake system may need maintenance or repair.

"Brakes are a normal wear item for any car and eventually they're going to need to be replaced for both performance and safety reasons," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Never put off routine brake inspections or any needed repair, as letting the brakes get to the 'metal-to-metal' point is potentially dangerous and can lead to a more costly

repair bill."

Symptoms of Brake Wear:

- Car pulls to one side during braking
- Brake pedal pulsates when the brakes are applied
- Brake pedal feels "mushy"
- Noise when the brake pedal is stepped on
- Repeatedly need to add brake fluid to the master cylinder

Several factors that affect brake wear include driving habits, operating conditions, vehicle type and the quality of the brake lining material.

A professional service technician will inspect the brake linings, drums and rotors, and brake fluid to determine what repairs are needed. The typical "brake job" consists of brake pad and/or shoe replacement, along with related hardware. Depending on the condition or thickness of the drums or rotors, machining or replacement may be necessary. The parking brake should also be checked for proper operation and adjustment. In some cases, the parking brake shoes/pads may need replacement.

Questions to ask a technician:

- Is there anything I can do to help the brakes on my car last longer?
- How does the work being performed eliminate the symptoms my car exhibited or my complaint?
- Are there any related services my car needs while this service is being performed?
- What does the brake warning light mean on my car's dashboard?

## Save money with these 4 questions

(Car Care Council) - Automotive technicians are often compared to doctors. This comparison undoubtedly makes some techs smile and others grimace. But in the end, the two professions have a lot in common. It may surprise consumers to find that by choosing these professionals wisely, they can get better care at a better price. When it comes to choosing a repair shop, many experts extol the virtues of the clean facility, a wall adorned with ASE certificates or a coffee pot and some tasty snacks. While these items are important, these four vital questions tell most of the story:

1. Will the service advisor or tech take time to listen to your description of the car's problem?
2. Can they explain things to you in laymen's terms?
3. If necessary, will they test-drive the car with you?
4. Do they have the knowledge and equipment to diagnose and repair it the first time?

Back to the doctor/technician comparison. Some doctor's are great diagnosticians. They can pin point a malady when their peers are coming up with empty charts. What's the difference between that doctor and the people wearing white coats? Possibly his/her knowledge and perhaps equipment, but probably it's listening skills that sets the really great ones apart from the good ones. When choosing a professional, the variety that looks after your car or the variety that looks after your body, ask them the four-questions. In effect, audition them. See how the doctor takes care of your flu and how the tech deals with an oil change before visiting with something more serious. Watch how they handle their time and be aware of how much time is allotted to you. Are they tuned into your problems and asking relevant questions? Are they providing an objective opinion based on information they've garnered during your discussion? Can they explain the problem and solution to you in laymen's terms?

The bottom line is this: time is money. The less time these people are willing to spend on the front end often multiplies the amount of time needed on the back end. In the case of both the doctor and tech, the extra time spent having to fix you or your car a second or third time not only is expensive, it can be detrimental to the car or patient's condition.

Most regions are teeming with automotive professionals (and doctors, too) who are trained to listen, learn, test and correctly repair your vehicle (or body) the first time. By working with a great shop, over the course of time you can save endless hours and cash. And here's an added bonus, patronizing these professionals and telling your friends means that more folks can enjoy and benefit from their outstanding business methods.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" campaign, educating consumers about the benefits of regular vehicle maintenance and repair. For more information visit [www.carcare.org](http://www.carcare.org).

## Go green, save green

(Car Care Council) - Being green doesn't have to mean you have to spend a lot of green. According to the Car Care Council, by properly maintaining your vehicle's fuel system, you will not only improve

the performance of your vehicle, but lower its emissions and save money at the pump, too.

"A well-maintained fuel system is essential for good gas mileage," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "By simply replacing your car's fuel filter every two years or 24,000 miles and having your fuel injectors flushed out every 30,000 miles, you will not only have a cleaner, 'greener' car, but you will also spend less 'green' at the pump."

In addition to routine maintenance, your fuel system should be checked immediately if you smell gas, or suddenly have poor fuel economy, because there might be a leak in the fuel system. If the "Check Engine" light is illuminated, it may mean a problem with the fuel injectors or oxygen sensors. While oxygen sensors are part of the emission system, they have a large impact on your vehicle's fuel economy.

The fuel system in your car includes a pressure regulator, fuel injectors, lines/hoses, fuel filter, fuel tank and one or more fuel pumps. These components work together to supply fuel to the vehicle as needed. The fuel system transfers fuel from the fuel tank, passing it through a fuel filter for cleaning before it arrives at the injectors. A pressure regulator controls fuel pressure to ensure good engine performance under a variety of speed and load conditions. Fuel injectors, when activated, spray a metered amount of fuel into the engine. Some vehicles use a return line system to return unused fuel back to the tank.

"While the fuel system may seem complex, preventative maintenance will keep it running at peak performance and keep you in the 'green,'" said White.

## The perils of potholes are upon us

(Car Care Council) - Hitting a pothole can damage tires, wheels, steering and suspension, wheel

alignment and more. The Car Care Council recommends that motorists who experience any of the following warning signs after hitting a pothole should have a professional technician at their local repair shop inspect the vehicle.

- Loss of control, swaying when making routine turns, bottoming-out on city streets or bouncing excessively on rough roads. These are indicators that the steering and suspension may have been damaged. The steering and suspension are key safety-related systems. Together, they largely determine your car's ride and handling. Key components are shocks and/or struts, the steering knuckle, ball joints, the steering rack/box, bearings, seals and hub units and tie rod ends.

- Pulling in one direction, instead of maintaining a straight path, and uneven tire wear. These symptoms mean there's an alignment problem. Proper wheel alignment is important for the lifespan of tires and helps ensure safe handling.

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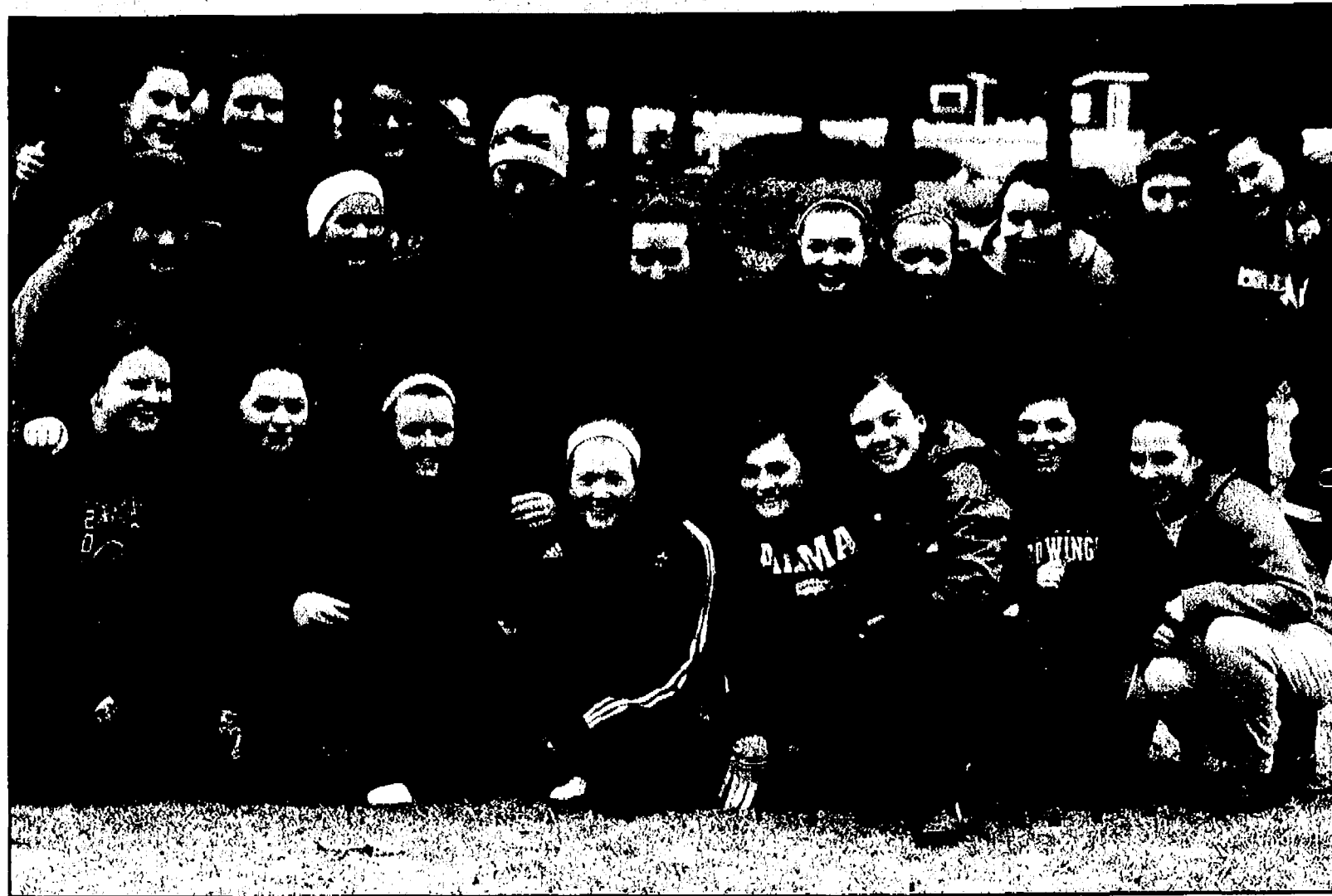
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# Crawford County Avalanche Sports

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GHS varsity girls soccer players gather during their first (and, so far, only) outdoor practice on Tuesday, March 22.

## Soccer team looks to post 10+ wins with experienced group

Squad has 11 varsity returners, including six seniors

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's 2011 girls soccer squad – a group with 11 varsity returners, including six seniors – is looking to build on its recent success and break the 10-win mark for the first time in the program's history.

Last year, the squad won nine games – a new school record for girls soccer. The Vikings won seven regular season contests, finished 6-7-1 in a strong Lake Michigan Conference, and won two playoff games.

This year's squad started its official practices on March 14. The team practiced outside for the first time on March 22, and then a snowstorm hit the area, burying the field again.

"Practices have gone

well. We have had some great effort put in thus far. They work hard, put in great effort at each drill we do, and I am really excited to see how they play in game scenarios," Coach Craig Cobb said. "That has been the struggle so far. It is really hard to get a feel for how we are going to look since we have been unable to play on the actual soccer field due to snow. That being said, we have more experience this year than we have ever had with nine seniors. For some of these seniors this is their first time playing soccer; however, they bring the leadership that is necessary to have success."

"So far our strength has just been the overall attitude of the team. The girls are positive, focused, and determined. Also, our understanding of the game continues to improve and I expect that we will be mentally tough with the experience that we have on the squad this season," Coach Cobb said.

The team has solid depth this year with 21 players, 11 of whom were on last sea-



Jamie Denton dribbles the ball during a recent varsity girls soccer practice.

son's nine-win varsity team. This year's squad: (seniors) Peggy Currison, Carlie Money, Rebecca Money, Ciara Summers, Kristen Todoroff, Iva Haven, Marie Lautrup, Nina Mertzbach, Manon Picquet; (juniors) Jamie Denton, Kelsee Dean,

Ashley Miller, Shelby Pippin, Emily Wingard, Savannah Port; (sophomores) Hannah Haven, Sarah Goodyear, Alyssa Morley; (freshmen) Meghan Beard, Emily Leslie, Tandy Mitchell.

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Don Nester . . . 56 - 45  
Legion . . . 48 - 50  
Moshier Auto . . . 40 - 58  
Double Trouble . . . 39 - 59  
Rye Collision . . . 38 - 60  
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 526; D. Hollis, 473, K. Moshier, 471. High Game Women: S. Johnson, 186; T. Benardo, 178; D. Hollis, 169. High Series Men: P. Benardo, 620; J. Lehman, 557; D. Wallace, 542. High Game Men: P. Benardo, 216; J. Lehman, 202; D. Wallace, 199.

### Pioneer League

Tim's Collision . . . 33 - 19  
Triple X Club . . . 32.5 - 19.5  
Coldwell . . . 31.5 - 20.5  
Legion . . . 31 - 21  
T.C. Lawncare . . . 28 - 24  
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# Crawford County Avalanche Sports

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## Soccer team looks to post 10+ wins with experienced group

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The team's four captains are Summers, Currison, C. Money, and R. Money.

H. Haven, as a freshman last year, set a new program record for most goals in one season with 22.

Three of the team's seniors are foreign exchange students: Lautrup (Denmark), Mertzbach (Germany), and Picquet (Belgium).

Coach Cobb said the lack of practice time outdoors is hindering the squad's progress during the preseason, but he expects the team to break last year's record-setting win mark and finish near the top in league competition.

"We need field time. That could hurt us early. That is my number one concern at this time," Coach Cobb said. "The feel of the game is completely different on a basketball court as compared with actually playing on the soccer field. Can't wait for that snow to disappear."

"We expect to improve on our record - at least 10 wins, top three in conference, and be mentally tougher as a team," Coach Cobb said. "We play in a very tough soccer conference. We hope to repeat on the past two years as each year we won two of the three games in districts, losing in the district final. This year we want to put our-

selves in the same position but this time come out on top."

The squad's first scheduled game of the year - a contest slated for March 28 vs. Houghton Lake - was canceled due to weather conditions and snow on the field. The team's season opener is now scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, at 5 p.m. at Boyne City (a league opponent).

The Vikings will host Charlevoix (another conference opponent) at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 14.

"We have worked hard, prepared as much as we can indoors, and are going to dig deep and go hard on the soccer field this season," Coach Cobb said.

## Bowling Leagues

### American Men's League

Thayers Crew . . . . .34 - 15  
Moore's Auto . . . . .32 - 17  
Man Cave . . . . .29 - 20  
IMM . . . . .28 - 21  
Joels Team . . . . .23 - 26  
McLean's Ace . . . . .23 - 26  
Fenton's Auto . . . . .23 - 26  
High Series: J. Lehman, 618; L. Davis, 613; P. Benardo, Sr., 604. High Game: J. Lehman, 267; T. Hulbert, 266; D. Rye, Sr., 253.

### Recreation League

Snap Fitness . . . . .40 - 16  
Robin Smith CPA . . . . .32 - 24

American Legion . . . . .31 - 25  
Woody Girls . . . . .28 - 28  
Grayling Nurs. . . . .26.5 - 29.5  
Dance till drop . . . . .25.5 - 30.5  
Days Inn . . . . .24 - 32  
Glen's . . . . .17 - 39  
High Series: P. D'Amour, 560; P. Younglove, 488; S. Johnson, 467; High Game: P. D'Amour, 214; L. Miller, 190; T. Harney, 179.

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Ladybugs . . . . .30.5 - 25.5  
Fearless . . . . .24 - 32  
Snow Tops . . . . .23 - 33

Bill's Harem . . . . .22 - 34  
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### Senior League

Dana Transport . . . . .94 - 26  
Gaylord Electric . . . . .68 - 51  
Flowers By Josie . . . . .65 - 55

Legion Lanes . . . . .62 - 56  
Spike's . . . . .57.5 - 62.5  
Sylvester's . . . . .48 - 72  
Lone Pine . . . . .46 - 74  
Bear's Den . . . . .37.5 - 82.5  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by R. Douglas Keipert, and Karla Sue Keipert, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 7, 2003, and recorded on April 12, 2004 in Liber 667 on Page 245, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-One and 87/100 Dollars (\$92,731.87), including interest at 2.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 24, 2011  
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #352323F01

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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by THOMAS MISURACA and LAURA NELSON as Mortgagors, to NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated March 12, 2004, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on June 21, 2004, in Liber 669 at Page 267, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$175,412.93, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 10 a.m., at the front door of the Crawford County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.50 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, and part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 section of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 8, thence N1degree 22'E, (along the Section line), 12.8 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing N1degree 22'E, 396.28 feet, thence S67 degrees 34' 15, 206.95 feet, thence S11degrees 45' W, 346.40 feet, thence N80 degrees 35' W, 131.80 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with

MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 14, 2011  
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
903 N. Jackson Street  
Bay City, MI 48708  
(989) 893-9511

-31-7-14-21

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wesley L. Argue, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Empire National Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 10, 1998, and recorded on March 19, 1998 in Liber 449 on Page 432, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty and 58/100 Dollars (\$62,850.58), including interest at 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 20, 2011. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the Northernly line of Alger Street and the South 1/8 line, said point being South 88 degrees 36 minutes West 95.00 feet from the 1/8 corner of monumented; thence South 43 degrees 31 minutes 11 seconds West along said right of way of Alger Street, 87.33 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing South 43 degrees 31 minutes 11 seconds West 120.85 feet to a found iron pin, that is 374.5 feet Northeastly of the Northwest corner of Lot 16, Block 3, of the recorded Plat of Goodales Addition; thence North 46 degrees 36 minutes 02 seconds West 120.36 feet to the AuSable River; thence North 27 degrees 36 minutes 26 seconds East along the AuSable River and intermediate traverse line (next two courses) 61.86 feet; thence North 10 degrees 19 minutes 25 seconds West 59.05 feet;

thence South 68 degrees 34 minutes 39 seconds East 42.46 feet; thence South 53 degrees 47 minutes 56 seconds East 96.90 feet; thence South 45 degrees 51 minutes 10 seconds East 49.55 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

### NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7ec of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 7ec please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Sheila Green, a Married Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wilmington Finance Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 20, 2007 and recorded April 3, 2007 in Liber 685 Page 960 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as certificate trustee (not in its individual capacity but solely as certificate trustee), in trust for registered Holders of VNT Trust Series 2010-2, by assignment dated February 28, 2011 and subsequently recorded in Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$73,316.46) including interest 7% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on April 20, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: That certain parcel of land located within the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 11, Town 26 North, Range 1 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, bounded by a line beginning at a point 50 rods South and 30 rods West of the one-quarter corner at the Northeast corner of said 40 acre tract; thence running West 10 rods; thence South 14 rods; thence East 10 rods; thence North 14 rods to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 10891 Craig Trail, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6

months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 3/17/2011 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as certificate trustee (not in its individual capacity but solely as certificate trustee), in trust for registered Holders of VNT Trust Series 2010-2, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 10-34182 ASAP# 3941164 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011, 04/07/2011 17-24-31-7

For more information, please call: FC F (248) 593-1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
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### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Henry Earl Feldhauser and Ann Marie Feldhauser, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2002, and recorded on April 2, 2002 in Liber 575 on Page 492, and modified by agreement recorded on June 4, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 829, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Citizens Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety and 33/100 Dollars (\$187,490.33), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 4, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 5, thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes West along Section line 988.05 feet; thence North 1 degree 40 minutes 30 seconds East 659.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes West 329.05 feet; thence North 1 degree 42 minutes East along 1/8 line

459.1 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes East 328.06 feet; thence South 1 degree 40 minutes 30 seconds West 459.1 feet to point of beginning 3.47 acres. Together with and subject to an existing 30.0 foot wide easement, lying West of and adjacent to a line described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes West along Section line 988.05 feet to point of beginning; thence North 1 degree 40 minutes 30 seconds East, 1632.0 feet to point of ending. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 31, 2011  
For more information, please call: FC I (248) 593-1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #336140F04

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### NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to the Michigan Trust Code.

Trust of KATHRYN N. JONES, Deceased.  
Date of Birth: 1/15/1912

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Kathryn N. Jones, the decedent, who lived at 615 Petoskey Avenue, #44, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died January 11, 2011. There is no Personal Representative of the Grantor's Estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Neil H. Jones, Successor Trustee of the Kathryn N. Jones Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Robert Hoffman (PJ5046)  
Attorney at Law  
103 Belvedere Avenue  
Charlevoix, MI 49720  
(231) 547-9941

Dated: March 23, 2011  
Neil H. Jones, Successor Trustee  
c/o Hoffman & Hoffman  
103 Belvedere Avenue  
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720  
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## Legal Action

### NOTICE

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Parcel 54 Ausable Ken Mar Estates Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 11, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, thence North 0 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East along 1/4 line 1467 75 feet to the point of beginning, thence South 78 degrees 41 minutes West 334.85 feet to the point of ending said easements to be used in common by the parties hereto their heirs and assigns for ingress and egress, and the installation and maintenance of public utilities further together with a special use permit granted by the United States Department of Agriculture to maintain a private road over government lands in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 14 Town 26 North Range 2 West to their heirs and assigns forever. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: March 24, 2011 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 224.6395 ASAP# 3942657 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011, 04/07/2011, 04/14/2011 -24-31-7-14

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**  
MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by RICKLAND L. SCHOLZ, II and ROYALYNE M. SCHOLZ, husband and wife, of 140 MIKADO STREET, GRAYLING, MI 49738, Mortgagor(s), to CONSUMERS PROFESSIONAL CREDIT UNION of 525 WEST WILLOW, LANSING, MI 48910, Mortgagee, dated AUGUST 30, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, and State of Michigan on SEPTEMBER 8, 2006, in LIBER 683, PAGE 27 of Crawford County Records and Loan Modification Agreement dated OCTOBER 23, 2009, and recorded on JUNE 7, 2010, in LIBER 700 on PAGE 725 of Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 17/100 (\$54,172.17) DOLLARS at 5.75% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

**NOTICE**  
IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on MAY 11, 2011, at 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the Crawford County Circuit Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: CITY OF GRAYLING, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit:

COMMENCING 743 FEET EAST AND 262 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH 1 / 8 POST BETWEEN SECTION 7 AND 8, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, THENCE NORTH 118 FEET, THENCE WEST 95 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 118 FEET, THENCE EAST 95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING IN THE UNPLATTED PART OF THE CITY OF GRAYLING, IN SECTION 8, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST.

**MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS:** 140 MIKADO STREET, GRAYLING, MI 49738

During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)  
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE  
24525 Harper Avenue  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080  
(586) 777-0770

Dated: 4-7-11  
-7-14-21-28-5

### PRE-FORECLOSURE

### NOTICE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF MORTGAGOR IS IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS NOTICE.**

Borrower/Mortgagor: Alfred Henry Harland, a single man, ("Mortgagor")  
Property Address: 3748 E M-72, Grayling, Michigan 49738 ("Property")  
Mortgagee: Donald Maylone and Barbara Maylone, husband and wife, ("Mortgagee")  
Modification Agent: H. Douglas Shepherd IV ("Modification Agent")  
Modification Agent's Contact Information: Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Pezzetti, P.C., 1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817, Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817, (231) 941-9660, and e-mail address: dshpherd@bfarlaw.com.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Mortgagor to Mortgagee. Within the last 7 days, a correspondence (the "Correspondence") was mailed to Mortgagor, and by this publication further notice is hereby given of the following: Within 14 days of the date the Correspondence was mailed, Mortgagor has the right to contact the Modification Agent to request a meeting (the "Meeting"). The purpose of the Meeting will be to attempt to work out a loan modification. If Mortgagor requests the Meeting, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after the date the Correspondence was mailed. If the Meeting results in an agreement to modify the loan, the Mortgage will not be foreclosed if Mortgagor abides by all of the terms of the agreement.

Mortgagor may contact a Housing Counselor, who can attend the Meeting with Mortgagor. Information regarding Housing Counselors in Mortgagor's area is available by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") at (517) 373-6840 or by visiting MSHDA online at [www.michigan.gov/mshda](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda).

Mortgagor has the right to contact an attorney. The State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service can be reached at (800) 968-0738 and information is available online at [www.michbar.org/programs/lawyerreferral.cfm](http://www.michbar.org/programs/lawyerreferral.cfm). Furthermore, information regarding legal aid can be found at [www.michbar.org/public\\_resources/legalaid.cfm](http://www.michbar.org/public_resources/legalaid.cfm). The legal aid office serving the Mortgagor's area is Legal Services of Northern Michigan, and can be reached at (888) 645-9993 or (989) 705-1067.

Dated: April 7, 2011

Donald Maylone and Barbara Maylone  
By: H. Douglas Shepherd IV (P64560)  
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Pezzetti, P.C.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
1241 E. Eighth Street,  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817  
(231) 941-9660

File No.: 6747.0003

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made between GRANT McKINNEY, a single man, whose address is 2593 Wynnewood Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738, as Mortgagor, and FIRSTBANK-WEST BRANCH MORTGAGE COMPANY, a Michigan banking corporation, whose address is 502 West Houghton Avenue, West Branch, Michigan 48661, as Mortgagee, dated June 14, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan on June 23, 2006, in Liber 682, Page 103, upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN AND 65/100 (\$85,437.65) DOLLARS, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage,

or any part thereof;  
NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on May 11, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, in the lobby of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held) of the premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due of said Mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.8750% per annum, and all legal costs, expenses and charges, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Lovells, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Lot 75, Creekview No. 2, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

FIRSTBANK-WEST BRANCH MORTGAGE COMPANY

Mortgagee

Dated this 7th day of April, 2011.

TIMOTHY L. CURTISS, Esq.  
Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C.  
304 East Broadway, Suite 206  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858  
989/775-7404

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### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

**ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert O. Weaver, a married man and Sally Weaver, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 21, 2001, and recorded on September 24, 2001 in Liber 553 on Page 438, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Seven and 18/100 Dollars (\$42,557.18), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 A.M. on May 4, 2011. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 3, Original Plat of the Village, now City, of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded at Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 31, 2011  
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #366452F01

-31-7-14-21

### FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES)

**AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

MORTGAGE SALE - Default

having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Troy W. Holden, Jr. and Tamara R. Holden, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 10th day of January, A.D. 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 15th day of January, A.D. 2003, in Liber 616, Page 218 of Crawford Records, which said mortgage was assigned to The Huntington National Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$31,464.15 (thirty-one thousand four hundred sixty-four and 15/100) plus accrued interest at 4.25% (four point two five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of April, A.D., 2011, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of South Branch, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford and State of Michigan:  
The North half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 2 West. Subject to the North 33 feet being restricted for use as an access roadway for adjoining land on West.

Commonly known as: 6020 Chase Bridge Road

Tax Parcel No.: 20-062-004-005-040-00

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 17, 2011

By: Michael L. Rich (P-41938)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Weltman, Weinberg, and Reis  
2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S  
Troy, MI 48064  
WRW# 10061528

-17-24-3-7

### NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Walter M. Walsh and Gretchen Walsh, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 1849 Marilys Ave. Grayling, MI 49738-7476.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1304

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from April 1, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after April 1, 2011.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Date: April 7, 2011  
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525  
File # 348811F01

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### NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act PA267, the Lovells Township Board hereby lists and posts during the 2011-2012 fiscal year as follows:

- All regular board meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738; (989) 348-9215
- All regular board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 PM on the following dates:

April 12, 2011  
May 10, 2011  
June 14, 2011  
July 12, 2011  
August 9, 2011  
September 13, 2011  
October 11, 2011  
November 8, 2011  
December 13, 2011  
January 10, 2012  
February 14, 2012  
March 13, 2012

- All Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Review meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall (8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738; (989) 348-9215 on the dates and the times indicated.

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION will be meeting on the following Mondays at 5 PM: April 4, 2011, July 11, 2011, October 3, 2011 and January 9, 2012.

LOVELLS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will be meeting at their regularly scheduled meetings on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 and on Tuesday October 11, 2011 both at 4:30 PM.

BOARD OF REVIEW will be meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 and December 13, 2011 at 4:30 PM.

ALL changes and special meetings will be posted eighteen hours in advance.

Cynthia Infante  
Lovells Township Clerk; Posted April 1, 2011

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Avalanche "Legal Action" pages for Crawford County are now available on-line at [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com)

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# **Notice of Public Hearing for Special Assessment District** **Public Act 188 of 1954, As Amended**

Township of South Branch  
Crawford County, Michigan

**TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the South Branch Township Board will consider whether to make improvements to Stephan Bridge Road from the south boundary of the township to East River Road and to make improvements to East River Road from Stephan Bridge Road to Steckert Bridge Road and whether to create a Special Assessment District for the recovery of the costs of those improvements by special assessment against the properties benefitted by the improvement.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the improvements to Stephan Bridge Road from the south boundary of the township to East River Road and the improvements to East River Road from Stephan Bridge Road to Steckert Bridge Road will be undertaken to benefit the following identified properties, listed below by property identification numbers and described as follows:

All parcels that abut Stephan Bridge road from the south boundary of the township to East River Road; all parcels that abut East River Road from Stephan Bridge Road to Steckert Bridge Road; all lots within the plat of Chaps Manor; all lots within the plat of Indian Glens of the AuSable Unit 1; all lots within the plat of Indian Glens of the AuSable Unit 2; all lots within the plat of Indian Glens of the AuSable Unit 3; all lots within the plat of Indian Glens of the AuSable Unit 4; all lots within the plat of Joh-Lyn-Dan Hills; all lots within River Rendezvous Condominium; and all of the following metes and bounds parcels: a part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31, T25N, R2W; a part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31 T25N, R2W; a part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31 T25N, R2W; a part of the N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 31 T25N, R2W; a part of the SW of the SW of Section 31 T25N, R2W; a part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 31 T25N, R2W.

Please note that although some properties may fall within more than one descriptive category, the identified properties shall be included within the Special Assessment District only once for the purpose of being specially assessed to recover the costs of the above described improvements:

## **Stephan Bridge Road Frontage Parcels**

062-030-013-040-00*		
062-030-013-050-00	062-030-013-060-00	062-030-013-070-00
062-030-013-080-00	062-030-013-090-00	062-030-013-100-00
062-030-014-020-00	062-030-014-030-00	062-030-014-030-01
062-030-014-040-00	062-030-015-025-00	062-030-015-040-00
062-030-015-060-00	062-030-015-070-00	062-030-015-080-00
062-030-015-090-00	062-030-015-100-00	062-031-013-080-00
062-031-013-100-00	062-031-013-100-02	062-031-013-100-03
062-031-013-100-06	062-031-013-120-00	062-031-013-145-00
062-031-013-160-00	064-200-000-001-00	064-200-000-023-01
064-400-000-129-00	064-400-000-130-00	064-400-000-131-00
064-400-000-156-00	064-400-000-157-00	064-400-000-158-00
064-400-000-159-00	064-400-000-161-00	064-400-000-162-00
064-400-000-163-00	064-400-000-164-00	064-400-000-165-00
064-400-000-166-00	064-400-000-167-00	064-400-000-168-00
064-400-000-169-00	064-400-000-170-00	064-400-000-171-00
064-400-000-172-00	064-400-000-204-01	064-400-000-214-00
064-400-000-695-00	064-400-000-696-00	064-400-000-698-00
064-400-000-699-00	064-400-000-700-00	064-400-000-702-00
064-400-000-703-00	064-400-000-704-00	064-400-000-705-00
064-400-000-706-00	064-420-000-002-00	064-420-000-003-00
064-420-000-004-00	064-420-000-005-00	064-420-000-006-01
064-420-000-008-00	064-420-000-009-00	064-420-000-010-00
064-420-000-011-00	064-420-000-020-00	064-580-000-001-00
064-580-000-002-00	064-580-000-003-00	064-580-000-004-00
064-580-000-005-00	064-580-000-006-00	064-580-000-007-00
064-580-000-008-00	064-580-000-009-00	064-580-000-010-00
064-580-000-011-00	064-580-000-013-00	064-580-000-014-00
064-580-000-015-00	064-580-000-016-00	064-580-000-017-00
064-580-000-018-00	064-580-000-019-00	064-580-000-020-00
064-580-000-021-00	064-580-000-022-00	064-580-000-023-00
064-580-000-024-00	064-580-000-025-00	064-580-000-026-00
064-580-000-027-00	064-580-000-028-00	

## **East River Road Frontage Parcels**

062-029-007-045-01	062-029-007-045-06	062-029-007-060-01
062-029-010-080-00	062-029-010-090-00	062-030-001-020-00
062-030-013-020-00	062-030-013-040-00*	

\*This parcel has frontage on both Stephan Bridge Road and East River Road

## **Stephan Bridge Road Back Lot Parcels**

062-030-004-040-00	064-200-000-005-00	064-400-000-028-00
062-030-004-045-00	064-200-000-006-00	064-400-000-029-00
062-030-013-055-00	064-200-000-007-00	064-400-000-030-00
062-030-013-065-00	064-200-000-008-00	064-400-000-031-00
062-030-016-040-00	064-200-000-009-00	064-400-000-032-00
062-031-001-180-00	064-200-000-010-00	064-400-000-033-00
062-031-001-200-00	064-200-000-011-00	064-400-000-034-00
062-031-004-120-00	064-200-000-012-00	064-400-000-035-00
062-031-004-130-00	064-200-000-013-00	064-400-000-036-00
062-031-004-140-00	064-200-000-014-00	064-400-000-037-00
062-031-004-160-00	064-200-000-015-00	064-400-000-038-00
062-031-004-170-00	064-200-000-016-00	064-400-000-039-00
062-031-004-180-00	064-200-000-017-00	064-400-000-040-00
062-031-004-200-00	064-200-000-018-00	064-400-000-041-00
062-031-004-210-00	064-200-000-019-00	064-400-000-042-00
062-031-004-220-00	064-200-000-020-00	064-400-000-043-00
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064-400-000-099-00	064-400-000-149-00	064-400-000-215-00
064-400-000-100-00	064-400-000-150-01	064-400-000-216-00
064-400-000-101-00	064-400-000-152-01	064-400-000-217-00
064-400-000-103-00	064-400-000-153-00	064-400-000-218-00
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064-400-000-105-00	064-400-000-155-00	064-400-000-220-00
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064-400-000-107-00	064-400-000-174-00	064-400-000-502-00
064-400-000-108-00	064-400-000-175-00	064-400-000-503-00
064-400-000-109-00	064-400-000-176-00	064-400-000-504-00
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064-400-000-111-00	064-400-000-178-00	064-400-000-506-00
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064-400-000-113-00	064-400-000-180-00	064-400-000-508-00
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064-400-000-115-00	064-400-000-182-00	064-400-000-510-00
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064-400-000-526-00	064-400-000-597-00	064-400-000-666-00
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# Features

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



April 7, 1988 - GHS principal Carl Naghtin congratulates Anne Petrosky on her selection to represent Michigan at the international Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar.

### 23 Years Ago April 7, 1988

A British Columbian MacKenzie River strain of grayling fish were planted in the Manistee River Monday and in the AuSable Tuesday. The DNR planted 9,700 grayling near the M-72 Bridge in the Manistee and planted 12,900 near Commins Flat near Mio.

GHS seniors Jeff Palmer and John Kinnee received

Michigan Huron Shores Conference All-League honors. Senior Todd Hull and junior Bud Ostrowski received honorable mention. Palmer was ninth in league action scoring with a 14.8 average. Kinnee was 10th in the league with a 13.3 average and led the team with 239 rebounds. Hull was 15th in the league with a 11.4 average. Ostrowski led the team with 115 assists. Hull also set the

GHS record for most three-points shot attempts (69) and most three-point shots made (23).

Viking skier, Julie Huss has been named to the Detroit News All-State High School Ski Team.

### 46 Years Ago April 8, 1965

Winners in the first annual Spring Costume Festival that was held at the Grayling Winter Sports Park were Lora Gould, Les Hunter, Ricky Gould, Holly Knibbs, Patsy Wiseman, Mary Kay Hunter, Kathy Ellison, Leonard Knibbs and Dr. B.E. Henig.

Mrs. Howard Madsen entertained a group of young friends in celebration of their daughter Sandra's eighth birthday, after school on March 29. In the games played, the prize winners were Wayne LaChappelle, Gary Lowrie, Carol Knowles and Rosemary Jackson.

At Mt. Frederic the Friday night special is fried and steamed shrimp, all you can eat for \$2.50.

A visit to Crawford County by Governor George Romney to participate in the County's "Cavalcade of Progress" has been scheduled for Michigan Week.

The fire department was called at 11:55 Tuesday

morning when the power line pole in front of Welsh Gulf Service caught fire apparently from a short. The pole was nearly burned in two near the top.

### 69 Years Ago April 9, 1942

Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Cook have purchased the Bates house on Michigan Avenue next to the Michelson Memorial Church. That had been the Bates home for about 50 years. Since the death of Mrs. Bates last fall, the place has been unoccupied. It is being remodeled by the new owners and will be used as their residence and for the doctor's dental offices.

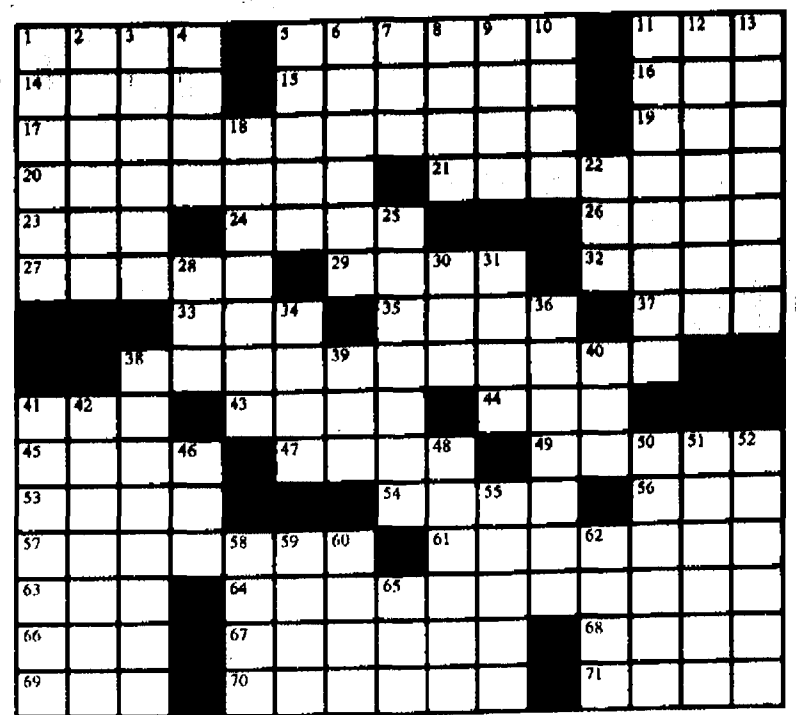
### 92 Years Ago April 10, 1919

Hans Peterson assumed the office of village president.

Thomas Cassidy sold his bakery business to Thomas Trudo of Cheboygan, the latter taking possession May 1. Mr. Cassidy came to Grayling, in May 1909 and built up a large business. He retired in order to assume control of the billiard and pool room that he has opened in the Salling building.

The "beer and wine amendment" was decisively defeated in each township in the county.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

1. "Hamlet" has five
5. Inevitably
11. Pistol, slangily
14. Drag
15. Oil source
16. "The Three Faces of"
17. Cape Town is its capital
19. \_\_\_ green
20. Spring into view
21. Up
23. Abbr. after a name
24. Ado
26. Bring on
27. Disappear
29. 100 cents
32. \_\_\_ probandi
33. Least bit
35. "Blue" or "White" river
37. Atlanta-based station
38. Monogamy advocates
41. PC "brain"
43. Got bigger
44. Mozart's "L\_\_\_ del Cairo"
45. Brewer's equipment
47. "Awright!"
49. \_\_\_ one
53. Flexible mineral
54. Canine cry
56. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
57. Period of no growth
61. Show, as a historic battle
63. Astem
64. Misdeed
66. Morgue, for one
67. Undisturbed
68. Cotton fabric
69. Addition
70. Swollen state
71. Lentil, e.g.

### Down

1. Laughable
2. Cask maker
3. Reliable
4. Pitch
5. In pieces
6. Left-handed person
7. "This means \_\_\_!"
8. Cuckoos
9. Ew!
10. "Don't go!"
11. Coats again
12. Crowded
13. Most gone
18. Fastening door
22. First name?
25. Easy victory
28. Amateur video subject, maybe
30. Backboard attachment
31. Assortment
34. Bloody
36. Coop flier
38. Sweet wine
39. "Fancy that!"
40. Bit
41. Examine together
42. Bucketful
46. Sylvester, to Tweety
48. Regarding this point
50. Bully
51. Wages
52. Foursome
55. Foxlike-faced animal
58. Give off, as light
59. Hokkaido native
60. "Back in the \_\_\_"
62. Drops off
65. Archaeological site

# HOROSCOPES

April 7, 2011



December 22 - January 19

Timing is everything, and this week, you will be in the right place at the right time. Capricorn. An old project requires a fresh spin. Rally the troops.



March 21 - April 19

No way, Aries. Minor inconveniences cannot deter you from the task at hand. You are focused and the end is within sight. Go, go, go! A relative has a secret.



June 22 - July 22

Past transgressions come back to haunt you, Cancer. Live and learn and let die. A news report turns you on to a current trend. Make the most of it.



September 23 - October 22

Come on, Libra. You have the skills and the time, so don't say no. The greater good is at stake. Romance reaches a new high this weekend.



January 20 - February 18

You hold firm to your principles in the face of adversity, serving as an example to others. Bravo, Aquarius. A quick fix to an old problem is only temporary.



April 20 - May 20

Now, now, Taurus. There's no use in crying over spilled milk. What is done is done. Someone or something requires your immediate attention. Give it to them.



July 23 - August 22

Uh-oh, Leo. Coworkers are veering off course. Work to get them back on track before it's too late. An unexpected visit turns into a ball of fun.



October 23 - November 21

You have a gem of an idea, Scorpio, but it will take some work to make it happen. Find help wherever you can, and don't be afraid to be a little pushy.



February 19 - March 20

Hooray, Pisces. Your prayers are answered, and help arrives for a home improvement project. Delegate tasks according to skill and make progress happen.



May 21 - June 21

Awesome, Gemini. You hit your stride this week, and things begin looking up. A financial report provides several keys to resolving a personal dilemma.



August 23 - September 22

Careful, Virgo. Someone is up to something, and it may very well involve you. A budget concern moves front and center. Attack it with zeal.



November 22 - December 21

Technical difficulties bog down a project, but not to fear, Sagittarius. All will get done in ample time. A special occasion draws near. Let the family fun begin.

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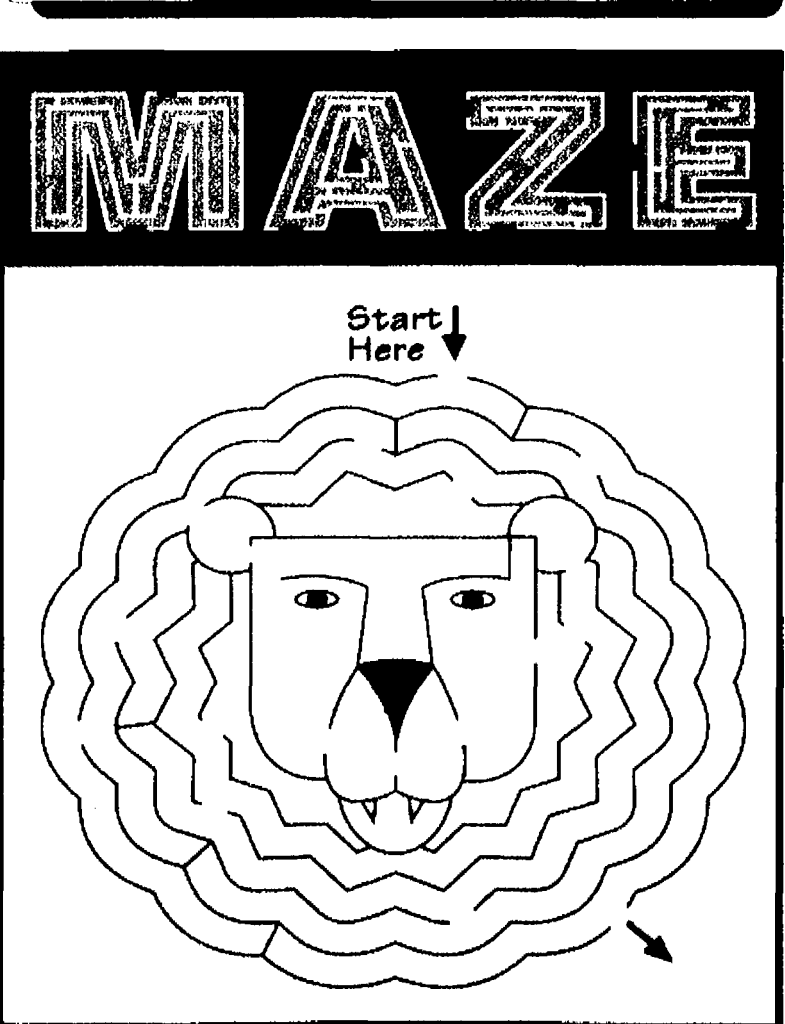
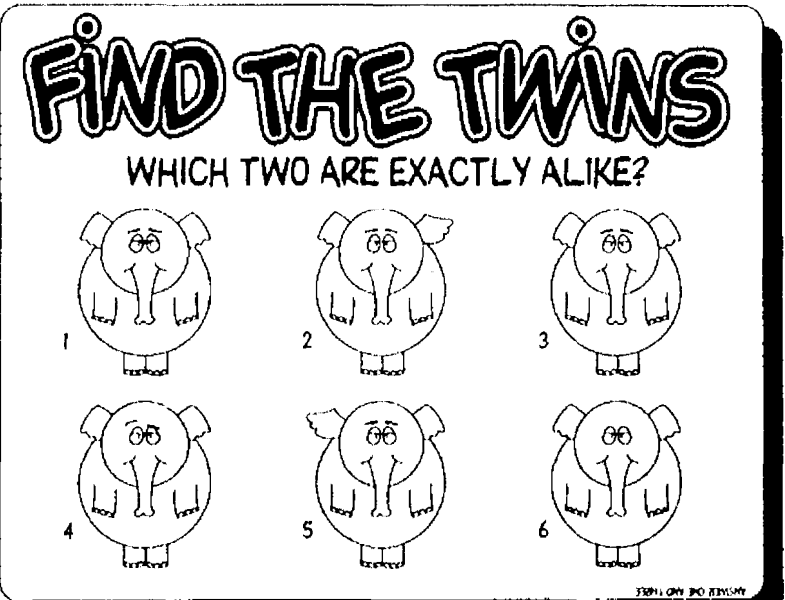
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Bronner is a very sweet 3 - 4 year old Pit Bull Mix. He is a darling of a dog that just loves people and is at ease with other dogs. He loves attention and fancies himself a lap dog. Bronner would not be good in a home with cats but another low key dog might be fine. He has been neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped.

Visit us at: [www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org)

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter  
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling  
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117  
For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.asc.petfinder.com](http://www.asc.petfinder.com)

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast							
Date	H	L	Rain Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3/28	33	8	0						
3/29	40	11	0						
3/30	44	12	0						
3/31	44	16	0						
4/1	47	24	0						
4/2	43	21	0						
4/3	39	25	0.33						

High 53 Low 23 High 47 Low 34 High 54 Low 23 High 53 Low 33 High 49 Low 28 High 47 Low 30

Mostly Cloudy Flaky Thunder Partly Cloudy Showers Showers Sunny

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### GRILLED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM SANDWICH

Ingredients:

1/2 cup Italian Dressing 2 kaiser rolls, split  
2 portobello mushroom caps 2/3 cup spinach leaves,  
1 tomato, cut into 4 slices

Directions:

POUR 1/4 cup dressing over mushrooms in shallow dish. Refrigerate 1 hour to marinate. Remove mushrooms from marinade; discard marinade.

HEAT grill to medium-high heat. Grill mushrooms 5 min. on each side or until tender.

PLACE spinach and tomatoes on bottom halves of rolls; drizzle with remaining dressing. Cover with mushrooms and tops of rolls.

Prep Time: 10 mins  
Total Time: 1 hrs 20 mins  
Makes: 2 servings

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## 1. Real Estate

**FOR SALE BY OWNER**  
 200 feet river frontage on Flies Only section of AuSable River at Wakeley Bridge. Home is 50 feet off river with guest cabin and detached garage. \$225,000. Call 989-390-0833. (-3/17/11/t/1)

**HOUSE FOR SALE** 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/t/1)

**FRAMED-IN 3 BEDROOM**  
 1 bath chalet with well and septic ready for you to finish. Located in Lakes of the North, a planned community with numerous amenities just 15 minutes from Gaylord in the heart of snowmobile country. \$49,900. Call Chris at 989-348-2495 (11/4/10/t/1)

**FOUR BEDROOM 1 BATH**  
 1,544 sq. foot home on 1 acre in Grayling. \$59,000 or land contract. 989-275-8644. (-17-24-31-7/1)

**FOR SALE: BRAND NEW** 3 bedroom home with large attached one car garage. Located in Lakes of the North, just 15 minutes from Gaylord. Call Chris at 989-348-2495 and leave a message. I am not a realtor and am looking to deal! (-4/7/11/t/1)

## 2. For Rent

**CLOSE TO TOWN**  
 Efficiency cabin. \$380 per month, \$380 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. No pets. Spring special \$100 off first months rent. 348-5124. (-7/2)

**ROOMS FOR RENT**  
 Higgins Lake. All utilities included, free WiFi. Private entrance, \$450/monthly. 989-390-0902. (-7/2)

**2 BEDROOM, 2 CAR**  
 attached garage located on Main Street. Rent \$625, plus deposit. No smoking, no pets. Call 390-0846. (-3/24/11/t/2)

**1,400 SQ. FT. HOUSE**  
 \$600/month plus utilities, \$900 security. Available after April 7. 989-745-4519. (-31-7/2)

**NICE CLEAN TWO BED-ROOM** mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 month plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-17-24-31-7/2)

## 1. Real Estate

**RESTAURANT for SALE or LEASE:**  
**GREAT opportunity!**  
 South shore of Hubbard Lake. Land contract available, \$285,000 w/possible 0% down. Get started before summer tourist season! VISIT www.MtMaria.com OR call Jim #616) 450-0967.

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## 2. For Rent

**201 FULTON STREET**  
 One bedroom upper level apartment. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Air conditioned, individual locked storage in basement with washer and dryer. Garage with auto opener. Non smoking only in a smoke free building. No pets. \$485 per month, \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call 989-350-4050. (-3/31/11/t/2)

**NEWLY REMODELED STUDIO APARTMENT**  
 Includes heat, electric, cable TV, trash pickup, plowing. No pets. \$375 month, \$200 security deposit. 989-348-2137. (-7-14/2)

**SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE** at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007/t/2)

**MONTHLY HOME RENTALS** near Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-1/13/11/t/2)

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 3BD, 1BTH,  
 840 Sq. Ft., located at 600 Madsen St., Grayling, \$19,900.  
 Visit:  
 www.roselandco.com/9CY  
 Drive by then call  
 (866)924-8348

## 1. Real Estate

## 2. For Rent

**ARBOR COURT** in Grayling is accepting applications for 1 & 2 bdr. Rent is based on 30% of the adjusted gross income. For more information call Pam at 989-732-6237 or pick up application at 400 Madsen Street. Barrier Free Units available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. TDD 1-800-649-3777. (-8/12/10/t/2)

**RIVER FRONT 2 bedroom,** 2 bath, fully furnished, second story apartment in downtown Grayling. Includes water, lawn maintenance, snow plowing. No pets, no smoking. \$950/month. 989-370-1290. (-3/10/11/t/2)

**LAKE HOME FOR RENT**  
 Clean 3 bedroom home with view and access to Lake Margrethe. Large two car garage on large lot. \$750/month plus security. Available April 2011. 586-228-2874. (-7-14-21-28/2)

**DUPLEX FOR RENT**  
 immediate occupancy. Less than 10 years old in a quiet, wooded, secluded setting. Two bedrooms, garage, appliances, etc. Tenant pays electricity/gas. Just north of Grayling. \$575/month. Richard at 248-420-1321. (-31-7/2)

**NICE, CLEAN TWO BED-ROOM duplex.** Includes indoor storage, laundry hookup, lawn care, snowplowing, non-smoking \$500. 700B Smith St., 348-2178. (-3/17/11/t/2)

## 2. For Rent

**Grayling Pines Apartments**  
 Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

## 3. Employment

**Crawford County Road Commission Position Available**  
 Mechanic (Night shift)  
 The Crawford County Road Commission is seeking candidates for the position of Mechanic.  
 Preferred requirements are graduation from High School or equivalent, Current Commercial Drivers License Class A, with air brakes and N & T endorsements with a good driving record. Current State Certification for automobile mechanic. Job Descriptions can be obtained at the Road Commission office.  
 Employment application and Resumes will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. April 8, 2011 at the Road Commission office at 500 Huron Street, Grayling Michigan. Resumes can be mailed to the attention of the Managing Director at the address below.  
 Crawford County Road Commission  
 500 Huron Street  
 Grayling, Michigan 49738  
 Applications and job descriptions may be obtained at the above address.  
 The Crawford County Road Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

## 2. For Rent

**NICE, FRESHLY REMODELED** 3 bedroom, 1 bath home in Frederic. Natural gas, \$550 month. 989-450-9742. LNNA. (-17-24-31-7/2)

**LOG HOME** on East Branch. 3 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath. 989-326-7206. (-17-24-31-7/2)

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**NICE THREE BEDROOM**  
 1 1/2 bath home for rent. No smoking. Has detached garage. \$680. 390-4078. (-7-14/2)

## 2. For Rent

**Whispering Pines Apartments**  
 Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

**Cobble Creek II Apartments**  
 a family community located in Grayling, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedrooms Apartments. Units of barrier free design may also be available. Rent is based on income.  
 For affordable housing call  
**989-348-3150**  
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## 3. Employment

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**CNC MILL PROGRAMMER / OPERATOR**  
 Department Leader position available. Minimum of 10 years experience. Pay rate is between \$81 - \$21 per hour. Immediate opening. Reply to P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. ATTN: SBQ. (-7-14/3)

**WENDY'S OF GRAYLING**  
 now hiring for all shifts. Apply in person. (-3/10/11/t/3)

## 3. Employment

**HIGH PAYING CAREERS**  
 for men and women in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. 888-602-5966. www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-3-10-17-24-31-7-14-21-28/3)

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Mon., Wed, Thurs., & Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811.

## 3. Employment

**POSITION OPENING**  
**Sales Full-Time**  
 We are looking for an individual that possess good customer service skills. Must be reliable and able to work within deadlines. Existing accounts and cold calls. Salary plus commission. Sales experience preferred.  
**Send Resumes to:**  
**CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE**  
 P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738

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 Please send resume to 2375 S.175 Business Loop, Ste.4, Grayling, MI 49738 or complete an application at the Grayling Michigan Works Office.  
 Deadline: April 13.

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 Email: hr-ca@baker.edu  
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49734. (-31-7/3)

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Must apply in person. 348-  
8462. (-7-14/3)

#### 8. Announcements

**COLLEGE STUDENTS  
NEEDED** as summer managers  
for Higgins Lake Resort, from  
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candidate must have an ability to  
interact with people and to complete  
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available 6 days a week including  
weekends. 989-821-6261. (-7-14-  
21-28/3)

**BUSINESS OVERLOAD**  
Our company is expanding in  
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to apply. Call 989-732-  
2175, Monday & Tuesday. (-  
7/3)

**COMMISSION ON AGING**  
Positions Available. The  
Crawford County  
Commission on Aging is  
accepting applications for the  
following part-time positions.  
Kitchen Assistant - prepares  
and serves meals at the  
Grayling Senior Center. 20  
hours per week. Flexible  
schedule required. Advocacy  
& Resource Coordinator -  
Assists older adults in locating,  
applying for and managing  
programs, services and  
benefits. Preferred candidate  
will have Bachelor's degree in  
social services related field  
and two years experience.  
Application packets for both  
positions must be picked up at  
308 Lawndale, Grayling and  
returned by 5 p.m., 4/19/11. (-  
7-14/3)

**PART-TIME RECEPTION-  
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South Branch Township is seeking proposals for Spring  
Clean up of Pioneer and Rock Cemeteries.

Clean up to include

Raking  
Removal of leaves, pine needles and downed limbs  
Rubbish removal

Proposals should be submitted to South Branch  
Township, P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653 before  
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

Certificate of insurance is required.

Lynn George  
Township Clerk

April 7, 2011

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive  
sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the  
regular meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.) on April 14,  
2011 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street,  
Grayling, MI 49738, for the following item:

### TWO (2) TANDEM AXLE TRUCKS 64,000# GVWR

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the  
Crawford County Road Commission at the above  
address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked  
with the words: "Tandem Axle Truck Bid". The  
Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right  
to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid,  
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Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

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GHS tennis players Dani Dami, left, and Rachel Jensen, right, work to remove snow from the school's court on Tuesday, March 29.

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## Girls tennis team has solid depth, new coach

Squad to play during the spring for 2nd consecutive year

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

For the second consecutive season, Grayling High School will have a girls tennis team with solid player numbers as part of its spring sports line-up.

Girls tennis was played during the fall in Michigan prior to a multi-sport season realignment effort in 2007, a series of changes forced by a court ruling in a gender equity lawsuit against the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Girls tennis, one of the affected sports, moved from fall to spring.

Grayling High School, however, opted to cut girls tennis in 2007, but the athletic department created a "coed" tennis squad by encouraging the girls to play during the fall season with the boys tennis team. GHS had coed tennis squads in 2007 and 2008. GHS canceled its 2009 boys/coed tennis team due to low player numbers — the team had nine girls and two boys, one short of the 12 required for a full starting line-up (four singles players, eight doubles players) — but the school opted to try a girls tennis revival during

the spring of 2010 season.

The Vikings started the 2010 season with 17 girls, a solid number for a sport played in the spring. During 2010 and 2011, Grayling High School has had seven varsity sports in the spring — three for boys (baseball, track, golf) and four for girls (softball, track, soccer, tennis).

This year's squad has even better overall numbers; the team's roster included more than 20 players before spring break started on April 1. The group is a mixture of all skill levels, from experienced varsity players to girls who have never played tennis at all prior to this season.

"We have had great numbers with 21 girls on the team," Coach Tim Sanchez said.

Sanchez, athletic director and head football coach at GHS, is in his first season coaching tennis.

"It's challenging coaching a sport you don't initially know much about," Coach Sanchez said. "(Parents) Mark Sloan and Sandy Dami have been a huge help for me."

The team started its official practices on March 14. The squad has not been able to play on its court yet due to the recent snow and cold weather.

"We have been inside so far this year, so we are limited with the drills we can do," Coach Sanchez said. "We still need to get better at all of the fundamentals of tennis. These girls are putting in a ton of work, but we need to see what we look like on a real tennis court."

Sanchez said the team's goal for 2011 is simple: improve.

"Our goal this year is to get better every single day," he said.

"Our team chemistry and morale should be our strengths," Coach Sanchez said. "We have a bunch of good girls on this team that like to work."

The Vikings will open their 2011 campaign with a home meet vs. Petoskey on Tuesday, April 19, at 4 p.m.

The squad will play in its first Lake Michigan Conference meet on May 3 vs. Elk Rapids at GHS.

"We have a pretty strong tennis league," Coach Sanchez said. "We can't control how good our opponents are, though. We can only control what we do every day to make ourselves better."



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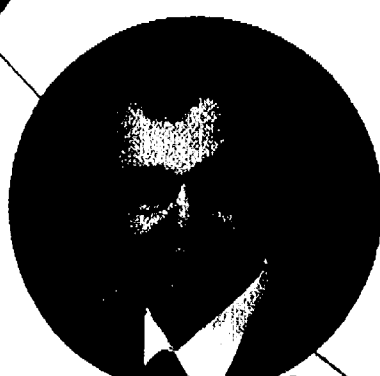
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